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SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

REPRIMANDED! CALLS CHIEF JUSTICE "YOUR WORSHIP"

RULES OF IDENTIFICATION

Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Kowloon, was reprimanded by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, Kt., Bch., C.B.E., K.C.) this morning. Mr. Calthrop was the first witness called in the first case at the December Criminal Session which opened today.

This is not the first occasion that his Lordship has had to comment adversely on non-adherence to regulations in the holding of identification parades, to the details of which his Lordship lays great importance.

Describing how a prisoner was picked out in Yau-mat-ti police station, Mr. Calthrop said that complainant pointed at the man and said some words in Chinese.

His Lordship thereupon asked Mr. Calthrop if he knew Chinese. Mr. Calthrop replied that he did not speak Cantonese.

Mr. Calthrop addressed his Lordship as "your Worship," whereupon his Lordship replied: "I am not 'your Worship'."

His Lordship then said: "Be careful, Mr. Calthrop. You ought to know enough of the law of evidence. You can't give evidence of this kind without knowing what is being said."

Then his Lordship asked if complainant actually touched prisoner, as laid down in the rules. Mr. Calthrop replied that he was not prepared to swear now that complainant did actually touch prisoner; but complainant (and here Mr. Calthrop described by movements what was done) deliberately pointed at prisoner and said:

The Rules

His Lordship pointed out that Mr. Calthrop was again referring to what was said. The rules are perfectly clear, his Lordship observed. And the rule says that a witness has to touch the man.

The Lam-fook was indicted on a count of "robbery by two more."

The allegations were that he and three others not in custody, at about 1.15 am on Nov. 12, on Prince Edward-road, robbed Mr. Ng Shung-hon, of the British-American Candy Store, of \$38, a wrist watch, a pipe, a silk handkerchief and other articles.

The case for the Crown is that Mr. Ng had supper in Yau-mat-ti that night and engaged a ricksha to take him home to Kowloon Tong. He had not gone far when four men jumped at the ricksha, overturned the vehicle and attacked him. Two of the gang were, apparently, armed with fruit knives. Mr. Ng was wounded. The coolie was chased for some distance by one robber but escaped. Mr. Ng was then taken under a street lamp where he could see the three men holding him up. He identified prisoner as he on who held him by the throat.

On the morning of Nov. 13 (the next day) a Chinese detective (P.C. Ip Chim) saw prisoner in Yau-mat-ti with a pipe in his hand. On being searched, prisoner was found to have a silk handkerchief on his person.

A wrist watch was pawned by the man but the man at the pawnshop failed to identify prisoner.

In the course of evidence, Mr. Ng told how he fought his four attackers but was overpowered by the odds. After the robbers had released him and bolted, he walked home. It was when he pushed open the gate to his house that he felt blood on his trousers. He had been stabbed on the left buttock he said, and in the back.

Dr. Kwan King-leung described the nature of the leg wound as "having been caused by a sharp instrument" and characterised the marks on the back as scratches.

A bloodstained pair of pants and a pair of trousers with a mark were shown to the jury.

Mr. Ng said he did not know he had been wounded until he reached the gate; and he felt no pain until he reached Mongkok police station (about an hour and a half later), after he had bathed the wound himself.

His Lordship explained to the jury that there was nothing extraordinary about this, because it is commonly known that people much exercised are unaware of pain until the excitement passes.

The ricksha coolie also gave evidence, telling how he did not dare look back when fleeing, because he was afraid.

The jury convicted. His Lordship passed sentence of five years' hard labour and 20 strokes of the cat. His Lordship concurred in the verdict. Prisoner had committed an impudent robbery, he said. He could not prevent people taking part in robberies, he added, but he would make them realise, when convicted, that it would not be worth their while.

In the course of the trial, his Lordship drew attention to the inconsistency of spelling in Chinese names and directed that more care must be taken in future.

Mr. Somers Fitzroy (assistant Attorney-General) directed the prosecution. Det. Inspector C. P. Fallon was in charge of the Police case. Prisoner was not defended.

THE DISTRESS IN MINING AREAS

GOVERNMENT STEPS AN ADDITIONAL £1,700,000 TO BE VOTED

£1 FOR EVERY £1 SUBSCRIBED

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Baldwin said the government would ask Parliament to authorise special measures to deal with the distress in the mining areas. He added that the Budget estimate in this respect would be exceeded by £1,700,000 and there would be an immediate special vote of £100,000 to assist the families. The Government would ask Parliament to grant a pound sterling for every pound subscribed to the Lord Mayor's Fund, £150,000 to be paid on account immediately.—Reuter.

PIRATES EXECUTED

Hankow, Sunday.

The three leaders of the pirates who robbed the British river s.s. "Shuai" (China Navigation Co.) were tried and executed today.

This concludes the trial of men arrested in connection with the piracy.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Others were executed previously and some released.]

CLUB'S WINES

HANKOW S. A. D. 3 OPPOSES TAX BUREAU

NO CALL FOR INCREASE

Hankow, Sunday.

The Hankow Wine Bureau today demanded to inspect the wine stock of the local authorities in Hankow in direct contravention of the ruling of the Chinese National Government at Nanking.

The Wine Bureau officials were informed that the premises could not be entered without a warrant; and Police of Special Administrative District No. 3 (i.e., the former British Concession) are now guarding the premises against possible intrusion by officials of the Wine Bureau.—British Naval Wireless.

FLAGSHIP'S CRUISE

"KENT" TO VISIT JAVA AND BORNEO

"HERMES" RETURNING

H.M.S. "Kent" (flagship of the Commander-in-Chief, China Station) is to leave Hong Kong to-morrow for Sandakan, in North Borneo. Later, she will visit Makassar, Sourabaya, Batavia, Labuan and Kudat before returning here.

H.M.S. "Hermes" the aircraft carrier, left Manila yesterday and is due to return here, from her southern cruise, to-morrow afternoon.

H.M.S. "Bluebell" is due here from Takao to-morrow.

H.M.S. "Scorpa" and "Somme", of the 8th Destroyer Flotilla, left Shanghai yesterday to go up the Yangtze River.

H.M.S. "Concord" (Capt. A. J. Robertson, M.V.O.) is due to arrive here on January 9 with reliefs for ships on this station.

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HAMMOND SECOND HIGHEST

ENGLAND 519 FOR 7 "INNINGS SUPERB IN EVERY RESPECT"

FOURTH DAY'S PLAY

The question that everybody has been asking to-day is whether W. R. Hammond, the Gloucestershire professional, is out. He is, but he has made the second highest score in Tests between England and Australia, has beaten the best put up by an Australian, and stands next only to R. E. Foster of England, who made 287 at Sydney in the tour of 1903-4.

At the lunch interval on the fourth day of the Second Test Match at Sydney, to-day, England's score was 519 runs for 7 wickets, 99 runs having been added during the morning for the loss of two wickets, and putting Australia 266 runs in arrears.

Two Wickets Down

There were 5,000 spectators when play resumed this morning, states Reuter. The weather was brilliant. The wicket was fast.

Hammond (201) and Larwood (37), the overnight not out's, batted. Larwood was caught by Ryder, the Australian captain, off Grinnett, when 12 runs had been added, of which Larwood made half.

Geary then partnered Hammond. By glorious off-side hitting, Hammond soon beat Australia's highest individual score, that of 211 by W. L. Murdoch at the Oval in 1884.

Hammond's partnership with Geary realised 64 runs, of which Hammond claimed 44. His total was 261 (including 30 fours), made in 7½ hours. The innings was superb in every respect, adds Reuter. He batted on three days, saw the score from 65 to 496, and finally played on.

Tate then partnered Geary and these two added 23 between them, Tate being responsible for 221. No extra was conceded during the morning's play.

Australia—1st Innings

W. M. Woodfull, l.b.w., b Geary	68
V. F. Richardson, b Larwood	27
A. F. Kippax, b Geary	9
W. H. Ponsford, retired hurt	9
H. L. Hendry, b Geary	37
J. S. Ryder, l.b.w., b Geary	25
O. Nottidge, b Larwood	8
W. A. Oldfield, not out	41
C. V. Grimmett, run out	9
D. D. J. Blackie, b Geary	8
H. Ironmonger, c Duckworth, b Larwood	1
Extras	16
Total	253

Fall of wickets: 1 for 51 runs (Richardson), 2 for 65 (Kippax), 3 for 75 (Ponsford), 4 for 162 (Woodfull), 5 for 153 (Hendry), 6 for 171 (Nottidge), 7 for 192 (Ryder), 8 for 222 (Grimmett), 9 for 251 (Blackie), 10 for 258 (Ironmonger).

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Larwood	26.2	4	77	3
Tate	21	9	29	0
White	30	10	79	0
Geary	18	5	35	0
Hammond	5	0	18	0

England—1st Innings

J. B. Hobbs, c Oldfield, b Grimmett	40
H. Sutcliffe, c Hendry, b Ironmonger	11
W. R. Hammond, b Ironmonger	251
D. R. Jardine, run out	28
E. Hendren, c Richardson, b Blackie	74
A. P. F. Chapman, c Ryder, b Blackie	20
H. Larwood, c Ryder, b Grinnett	43
G. Geary, not out	21
M. W. Tate, not out	22
Extras	9
Total (for 7 wickets)	519

Fall of wickets: 1 for 37 runs (Sutcliffe), 2 for 65 (Hobbs), 3 for 148 (Jardine), 4 for 293 (Hendren), 5 for 341 (Chapman), 6 for 482 (Larwood), 7 for 496 (Hammond). To bat: J. C. White, G. Duckworth.

Yesterday's Play

The feature of yesterday's play was the double-century by Hammond, the Gloucestershire professional having 201 to his credit when stumps were drawn last night. England had then secured 420 for five wickets, Hammond and Larwood being at bat. Hendren, during the day made an aggressively-completed 74, and "Skipper" Chapman went for 20. England were thus 187 runs ahead with five wickets in hand on the first innings when play opened this morning.

INTERNED ROLLING STOCK IN CHINA

M.P.'s QUESTIONS SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN'S EXPLANATION

"NO REPRESENTATIONS"

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that His Majesty's Government had made no representations to Japan with regard to the rolling stock of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway which was interned between Tainan and the broken bridge on the Yellow River, since the material in question was the property of the Chinese State railway and British interests were only indirectly concerned. He was sure that the Japanese authorities would not desire to hamper international trade carried on over the railway and that this rolling stock will be put into circulation as soon as practical considerations would make this possible.—Reuter.

FINE—CLOUDS

N. E. Winds, fresh, fine to cloudy, is the forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anti-cyclone is central near Nagasaki. Another has formed over North China. The Guam typhoon is stationary or filling up.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory at 9.30 a.m. to-day: 6.00 p.m. 17th: Cyclone or typhoon N.W. of the Ladrones or Mariana Islands, moving N.

GEN. CHEUNG SAFE

"SPIRIT OF CANTON" LANDS AT NANCHANG

STARTING AGAIN TO-DAY

General Cheung Wai-cheung is safe.

Word has reached the "China Mail" that General Cheung, the first cross-country aviator of China, in his Ryan monoplane, the "Spirit of Canton," alighted at Nanchang yesterday owing to unfavourable conditions. General Cheung was on his return from Shanghai to Canton, after having called at Hankow, Peking and Mukden.

It is presumed that he made a successful landing at Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi province, approximately half way between Shanghai and Canton.

Big Flight Next Year

The "China Mail" also learns that it was General Cheung's intention to leave Nanchang at 8 a.m. to-day. In that event he should reach Canton by mid-day.

Meanwhile General Chan Hing-wan has reached Hankow in a seaplane from Canton.

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Above, the "Spirit of Canton," a Ryan monoplane, which came down at Nanchang yesterday. Below, centre, General Cheung Wai-cheung, the hero of the flight.

WAR CLOUDS BEGIN TO GATHER

BOLIVIA-PARAGUAY MANY OFFER, INCLUDING THE POPE TO-MEDIATE

FORT RECAPTURED

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.

The Paraguayan cavalry has recaptured a small fort after eight hours' fight. Two Bolivian officers and several soldiers were killed and one Paraguayan officer and 11 men killed.

It is generally thought that war is inevitable.

Offers of Mediation

London, Yesterday.

Efforts are being made to find a peaceful solution to the Bolivian-Paraguayan dispute.

It is reported from Washington that both countries have indicated a willingness to accept the proffered mediation of Pan-American conference.

Asuncion, Yesterday.

Besides the offer of mediation from the Pan-American conference, Paraguay has also accepted an offer of mediation from the President of Argentina.

Washington, Yesterday.

The Pope and King Alfonso have offered their good offices to settle the quarrel.

Mr. Kellogg is doing his utmost to restore peace.

Rome, Yesterday.

According to "El Tribuna" the Pope has summoned to Rome Monsignor Chigola, the new Papal nuncio at La Paz, with a view to urging that Bolivia agree to a peaceful solution of the dispute.

Madrid, Yesterday.

Primo de Rivera has announced that Spain, as the "mother of both countries" and the indisputable head of the peoples of the Spanish race, should be approached by the Bolivian and Paraguayan Governments in the interests of a peaceful settlement.

The Presidents of both Republics have replied expressing profound thanks.

Paris Conference

Geneva, Yesterday.

The League's Secretary-General, Sir H. Drummond, accompanied by the Director of the Political Section, Mr. Sugimura, is leaving for Paris this evening to confer with M. Briand, who is President of the League Council, regarding measures to be taken in view of the Bolivia-Paraguay dispute.

Questions in House

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, in the course of questions in regard to the Bolivian-Paraguayan dispute, Mr. Grattan Doyle asked: "Had the League of Nations any jurisdiction whatever in any part of America in view of the provisions of the Monroe Doctrine."

Sir A. Chamberlain replied: "Yes, to-day. In that event he should reach Canton by mid-day."

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A SENSATION AT LAHORE

ACT OF REVENGE TWO POLICE OFFICIALS SHOT DEAD

SEQUEL TO STREET RIOT

Lahore, Yesterday.

Saunders, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and an Indian clerk have been shot dead.

Later.

A great sensation has been created by two youths shooting dead Saunders while cycling home from his office, also the police clerk, who participated in the pursuit of the assailants, who escaped on motor cycles.

The crime is believed to be an act of revenge for the death of Lej. Patral, who the Swarajists alleged died as the result of a blow received in the riot at Lahore on the arrival of the Simon Commission.—Reuter.

JUROR FINED \$50

Mr. Im Pak-chi, one of the common jurors summoned to attend the Supreme Court this morning for the December Criminal Session, did not respond when his name was called in the Chief Justice's Court.

His Lordship (Sir Henry Gollan) announced that Mr. Ip was fined \$50.

U.S. PROHIBITION

THE AMENDMENT NOW ELIMINATED

NO CALL FOR \$270,000,000

Washington, Yesterday.

The Senate, on the second day's reading, eliminated the amendment to increase the Treasury Department's appropriation for prohibition enforcement to \$270,000,000.

The amendment was submitted by the anti-Prohibitionist Senator Bruce, merely in order to start a debate on prohibition, and the first reading was unopposed because the Senate was anxious to proceed with other business.—Reuter's American Service.

FIGHTING ON PRAYA

THE "CHONGS" AND THE "WONGS" HAVE A SCRAP

BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE

Four cargo coolies, members of the Tung Tak Coolie Guild, pleaded "guilty" before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, to a charge of disorderly conduct by fighting on the Praya at West Point.

Inspector Bloor told the Magistrate that the guild was divided into two factions—the "Chongs" and the "Wongs." Two of the defendants were "Chongs" and the other two "Wongs." The trouble was over the working of cargo at a certain section of the Western Praya. Formerly the "Chongs" had this job, but latterly it was given to the "Wongs." The latter resented this and about 20 of them, armed with bamboo poles attacked the "Chongs," who used poles in the fight.

Heads "Cracked"

The result of the fight was that two men had their heads "cracked." These two, with their heads bandaged, were among the defendants in Court, and the Inspector said that they were the respective foremen of the rival factions. Of the large number of men who took part in the fight, the police were able to secure only the four defendants—two "Chongs" and two "Wongs"—and from the injuries received by the two foremen, the honours in the "battle" appear to have been even.

Addressing the foremen, His Worship said that as the leaders of the coolies, they should have exercised their influence to prevent trouble and not taken part in the affray.

These two were fined \$20 each, whilst the other two were mulcted in the sum of \$5 each. In addition, all four defendants were required to sign bonds in the sum of \$100 each to keep the peace for 12 months.

HIS MAJESTY'S HEALTH

SLIGHT SET BACK. PROGRESS OF LAST FEW HOURS NOT CONTINUED

"SOMEWHAT RESTLESS"

London, Yesterday, 8 p.m.

A British Wireless message states:

Three successive bulletins regarding the King have now struck a hopeful note.

The morning bulletin yesterday mentioned a slight improvement, the evening bulletin noted that this improvement had been maintained and this morning's bulletin stated that it had continued.

It was again officially stated this afternoon, after a second visit by Sir Stanley Hewett and Lord Dawson, that the slight improvement continued. The mention in this morning's bulletin that the King had had some natural sleep is a very important feature. It was taken to mean that His Majesty had been hitherto having sedatives. This view was confirmed this afternoon by the Lord Mayor of London who, speaking at a meeting said:

"I saw the Prince of Wales this morning and he said that he was very pleased that the last two reports were so much more favourable and that for two nights the King had had sleep without having any sleeping draught."

The Lord Mayor added that the Prince seemed very much more hopeful that in a day or two more favourable bulletins might be given.

Chances of Recovery

In medical circles the opinion is expressed that the chances of recovery appear to be much better than they were a few days ago. Natural sleep goes far in building up strength of a patient and the tendency to improvement indicates clearly that the heart must be a little stronger.

The new ray therapy or ultra violet ray treatment, which was carried out for the first time during the week-end, is being carried out again to-night. Its purpose is to reinforce the strength through the heart and to resist the exhausting effects of general infection or blood poisoning.

It is considered that the natural sleep mentioned in the bulletin was induced by the new ray treatment.

The Warnings

Last night's bulletin bears out the warnings which have been repeatedly given by those in close touch with the King's condition, that optimism must be guarded and restrained. Anxiety has never been absent during the past few days. Though last night's report has not unduly increased the anxiety it is hardly to be expected however progress be uninterrupted; and too much discouragement should not be felt when improvement ceases for a few hours.

Progress Not Maintained

The following bulletin was issued from Buckingham Palace this evening:

H.M. the King has this afternoon been somewhat restless and the progress recently noted has not been continued during the last few hours.

Signed: Stanley Hewett, Hugh Rigby, Dawson of Penn.

The King to-day lost some of the ground gained during the preceding 86 hours. It is hoped that the setback is temporary.

The slight improvements noted in previous bulletins have not been marked and it cannot be said that real or steady progress has been made.

The ray therapy treatment was again carried out to-night by Drs. Woods and Howitt, who were in the palace for half-an-hour in the evening.

New Year's Honours

Publication of the New Year honours list has been postponed on account of the King's illness.

Among those called to the Bar at the various Inns of Court on Nov. 19 were Chin Yin-kok, of the Victoria University, Manchester (Lincoln's Inn), and T. Okamoto (Inner Temple).

A party of British engineers who are specialists in port management is, shortly, arriving at Gdynia, Poland's new port, at the invitation of the Polish authorities.

PROTECTION
—
THE POLICY IN
AUSTRALIA
—
R. BRUCE'S DEFENSE

U.S. MERGER

DEVELOPING AVIATION IN AMERICA

\$150,000,000 CAPITAL

New York, Yesterday. The biggest merger yet undertaken in the rapidly growing aviation industry has been completed with the organization of the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation. The market value of the capital is \$150,000,000. The executive heads of General Motors, the Ford Company, the Standard Oil Company, and the National City Bank of New York will be included on the Board of directors of the new concern.—
 Enter's American Service.

ARMAMENT

AN ENGLISH STEEL CORPORATION

BIG FIRMS AMALGAMATE

London, Yesterday.

The "Manchester Guardian" states that Vickers Limited, Messrs. Armstrongs, Limited, and Messrs. Laird & Company have agreed to unite their armament businesses. The arrangement has led to the formation of the English Steel Corporation.

The "Manchester Guardian" says that the agreement means that the three great armament firms, which after the war had no sufficient business to keep them fully employed, now cease to compete with each other in certain departments.

GOLDEN FLOOD
A RECORD WEEK FOR AMERICA

\$20,000,000 ESTIMATE

New York, Nov. 3.

A great flood of gold has set in towards the United States, and will continue, according to the latest estimates of the American bankers, until the total reaches from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

Gold imports this week will be greater than in any week thus far this season, bringing the total received from abroad to \$5,500,000.

Most of the precious metal will come from London, but negotiations are reported for large shipments from South America and South Africa.

The continued heavy export of commodities from the United States is expected to keep the sterling balance below \$485 for some time to come. This means that it will be profitable to import gold into this country. The gold receipts have been used largely for paying off the American debts to the Federal Reserve Bank, and not as a base for new credit. The gold movement, however, may be said to have already had an influence on the money market, and at here, and the further import movement will probably prevent any movement towards firmness in money. Wall-street speculators therefore, regard the promised "golden tide" with distinct favour.

GERMAN TRADE
RUSSIAN PROSPECTS
REVIEWED

Prospects of German trade with Russia in the near future are, by no means rosy, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Financia

times." The first large payment for German goods delivered under the new three-hundred-million mark credit scheme fall due end of December, and in view of the present

state of public finances in Russia. Difficulties are anticipated, especially as it seems certain that Russia will obtain no foreign loan during the present economic year.

Russia will, therefore, have to depend mainly on exports, whose precarious position is well known. The Soviet Government, the German economists point out, is direct-

ng its foreign policy at present towards the United States mainly for political reasons, and they warn German manufacturers and merchants against looking on this sole

German business with Russia they state, depends on that country's ability to pay for imports, and if this ability is restricted thereby, because of competition from

These German economists maintain that it is in Germany's

and that it is in Germany's real interests that Russia does business with as many countries as possible and that neither Germany nor Russia is benefited by isolating Germany from Russian business, and Germany from the world.

Russian trade.

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Ayer Moloks	1.85
Ayer Panas	6.50
Balgownie	1.65
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Bukit Katils	0.60
Changkat Serdangs ..	4.50
Cönnemaras	1.85
Glenealis	1.75
Indragiris	6.30
Jerams	1.15
Jimahs	1.45
Kedahs	3.10
Kuala Sidims	3.15
Lunas	1.85
Malaka Pindas	1.40
Montakabs	0.40
New Serendahs	2.45
Pajams	1.60
Punggors	0.65
Sandycrofts	1.30
Sundals	1.35
Sungel Bagans	2.85
Tapahs	1.65
Tambalaks	0.75
Teluk Ansons	1.70

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Poultry.

Dec. 14, June, June,

Chicken
Capon, Small
Capon, Large
Duck
Doves
Eggs, Hen (cooked)
Eggs, Hen (fresh)
Fowls, Canton
Fowls, Hainan
Geese
Pigeons, Canton
 Hollow
Turkeys, Cock
Turkeys, Hen
Snipe
Pheasant
Quail
Partridges

		1928.	1918.	1914.
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
鴉片	lb.	50	30	31
鴉片	"	45	28	30
鴉片	"	50	28	30
鴉片	"	40	22	21
鴉片	each	30	22	21
鴉片	per doz.	30	18	—
鴉片	"	84	25	20
鴉片	"	70	36	24
鴉片	"	45	36	24
鴉片	"	45	34	24
鴉片	each	56	30	—
鴉片	"	38	28	—
鴉片	lb.	75	—	—
鴉片	"	60	51	45
鴉片	each	—	—	—
鴉片	pair	2.40	—	—
鴉片	each	25	—	2
鴉片	"	85	—	—

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Almonds	白 仁	lb.	70	85	—
Apples (California)	金山 苹果	"	22	24	—
Bananas (birds's)	蕉 山 香蕉	"	6	4	—
Carambola	楊 梅 子	"	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰 子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	椰 子	lb.	12	25	30
Lemons (America)	金山 檸檬	each	12	8	—
Lichees, Dried	金山 荔枝干	lb.	—	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	嘉新 甜橙	"	10	—	—
Oranges	嘉新 甜橙	"	18	—	15
Pears (Canton)	梨 嘉新	"	18	—	—
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	花 紅 柿	"	—	12	—
Plantain	蕉 芋	"	5	3	—
Pumelo, Siam	大 果 柚	each	14	12	6
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	22	—	16
Grapes	提 子	"	45	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	菊芋	芝	each	12	—	8
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	竹筴	lb.	5	—	7
" Long	豇豆	角	"	—	8	—
Beet Root	紅菜頭	圓瓜	"	10	—	—
Bitter Squash	青瓜	瓜	"	5	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青竹筴	瓜	"	6	8	9
" Red	紅竹筴	瓜	"	8	5	2
Cabbage, Chinese	紅頭菜	菜	"	8	—	—
" (Shanghai)	上海菜	菜	"	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	藤藤	藤	"	8	—	—
Canlidewer (Large)	大喇叭花	花	each	20	—	—
" (Medium)	中喇叭花	花	"	15	—	—
" (Small)	小喇叭花	花	"	12	6	6
Carrots	金邊	菜	lb.	7	6	6
Celery, Chinese	美根	菜	"	10	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣子	菜	"	24	25	5
" Red	紅辣椒	菜	"	18	10	16
" Green	青辣椒	菜	"	10	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	東洋材料	料	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	瓜	"	8	2	—
Garlic	蒜	菜	"	8	0	6
Ginger, Young	蒜苗	菜	"	10	7	—
" Old	老蒜	菜	"	8	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai	上海辣根	菜	"	32	45	4
Indian Corn	粟	米	"	8	1	—
Lettuce	生菜	菜	"	8	—	8
Water Chestnuts	桂林藕	菜	"	8	—	8
" Mandarin	桂林藕	菜	"	10	8	—
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮蘑菇	菜	"	1	10	—
Okroes	鮮蘑菇	菜	"	—	8	8
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	菜	"	8	4	6
" Green	青蔥	菜	"	6	6	—
" Shanghai	上海蔥	菜	"	6	60	8
Parley	芹	菜	"	20	8	—
Potato, Sweet	芹	菜	"	5	8	—
" Japanese	日本薯	菜	"	—	3	—
" American	金薯	菜	"	5	4	4
Pumpkin	冬瓜	菜	"	5	—	—
Radish	紅頭菜	菜	"	5	—	10
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大子菜	菜	"	—	—	8
Shallots	蔥	菜	"	6	8	—
Spinach	菠菜	菜	"	8	4	—
Tomatoes	番薯	菜	"	12	7	—
Taro	芋	菜	"	10	8	—
Turnip, Punt (Long)	蘿蔔	菜	"	6	4	—
Vegetable Marrow	瓜	菜	"	0	15	—
Water Cress	西洋菜	菜	"	5	6	—
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	菜	"	4	4	—

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AT AN EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the
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14th December, 1928, it was resolved
that the Association be wound
up and that John Fleming and
Archibald Ritchie, Chartered Ac-
countants, be appointed liquidators.
Notice is hereby given that
Creditors of the Hong Kong Gen-
eral Chamber of Commerce are re-
quired on or before the 31st day
of December, 1928, to send in par-
ticulars of their debts and claims,
if any, to the undersigned at Char-
tered Bank Building, Victoria
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Dated this 15th day of Decem-
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The Welwyn Branch of the
British Legion approached Mr.
George Bernard Shaw, respecting
the purchase of tickets for a
dance in aid of the Legion Club-
room, and they sent him a copy
of the service to be held in con-
nection with Remembrance Day
and the dedication of a British
Legion standard at Welwyn.
Mr. Bernard Shaw replied: "I
do not mind the clubroom, and
will take the tickets, but if there
is any lightning left in heaven,
God help you when you go to
church to congratulate Him and
one another for four years of
murder and devastation. I have
never read anything more wickedly
blasphemous than the service
you have sent me."

The order of service contained
the following prayer for peace:—
"Almighty God, we thank Thee
that Thou hast put into the
hearts of the members of the
British Legion to combine for
mutual sympathy and help, and
so that their fellow-citizens may
not forget the great deliverance
wrought through Thy help by
them and their comrades in the
army and navy."
"Grant that the courage which
was shown by them in repelling
their foreign foe may uphold
them in resisting all attempts in
the Empire to undermine law and
order."

"Grant that the symbol of
loyalty, justice, and liberty about
to be dedicated may inspire all
human beings with the desire to
be loyal to the best interests of
their country, and that a true
fellowship and purpose may
animate all the members of the
British Legion, through Jesus
Christ our Lord, Amen."

The Rector, the Rev. P.
Whitman, who conducted the ser-
vice and who is a personal friend
of Mr. Shaw, would say nothing
when informed of Mr. Shaw's
letter.

NOT A NAME

JUDGMENT ON MEANING OF
"MING HAR"

NOT TRANSFERABLE

That "Ming Har" was not part
of plaintiff's name, as claimed to
be, but means "own self," "in his
name"—and therefore is meant to
limit the effect of a promissory
note and make it non-transferable
—was the view expressed in the
Summary Court yesterday by the
Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Jacks)
in a suit between two motor-car
drivers, natives of North China.
His Lordship gave judgment,
with costs, for defendant (Tin
Kam-fui), who was sued by "Lau
Ming-har" for \$190 principal and
\$44.50 interest on money alleged
to have been lent.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ was for plain-
tiff and Mr. J. M. Hall for defen-
dant.

Expert evidence, it will be re-
called, was given by Mr. Chan
Heung-pak, secretary of the Hong
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BOXING NIGHT CARNIVAL

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MONDAY, 31st December, 1928.

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MONDAY, 24th December, 1928.

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MONDAY, 31st December, 1928.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CARNIVAL

(8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.)

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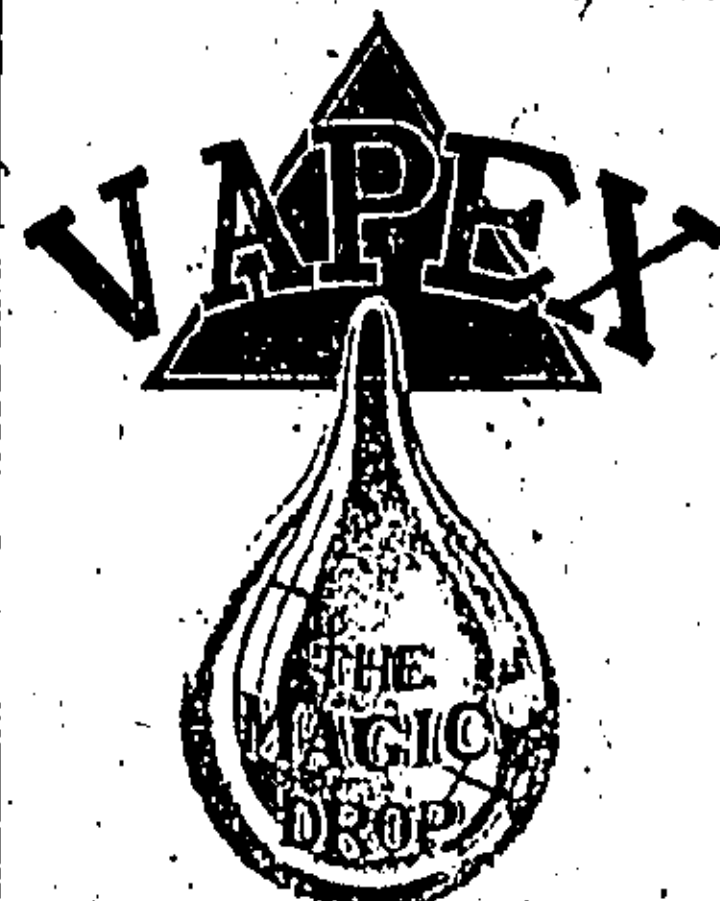
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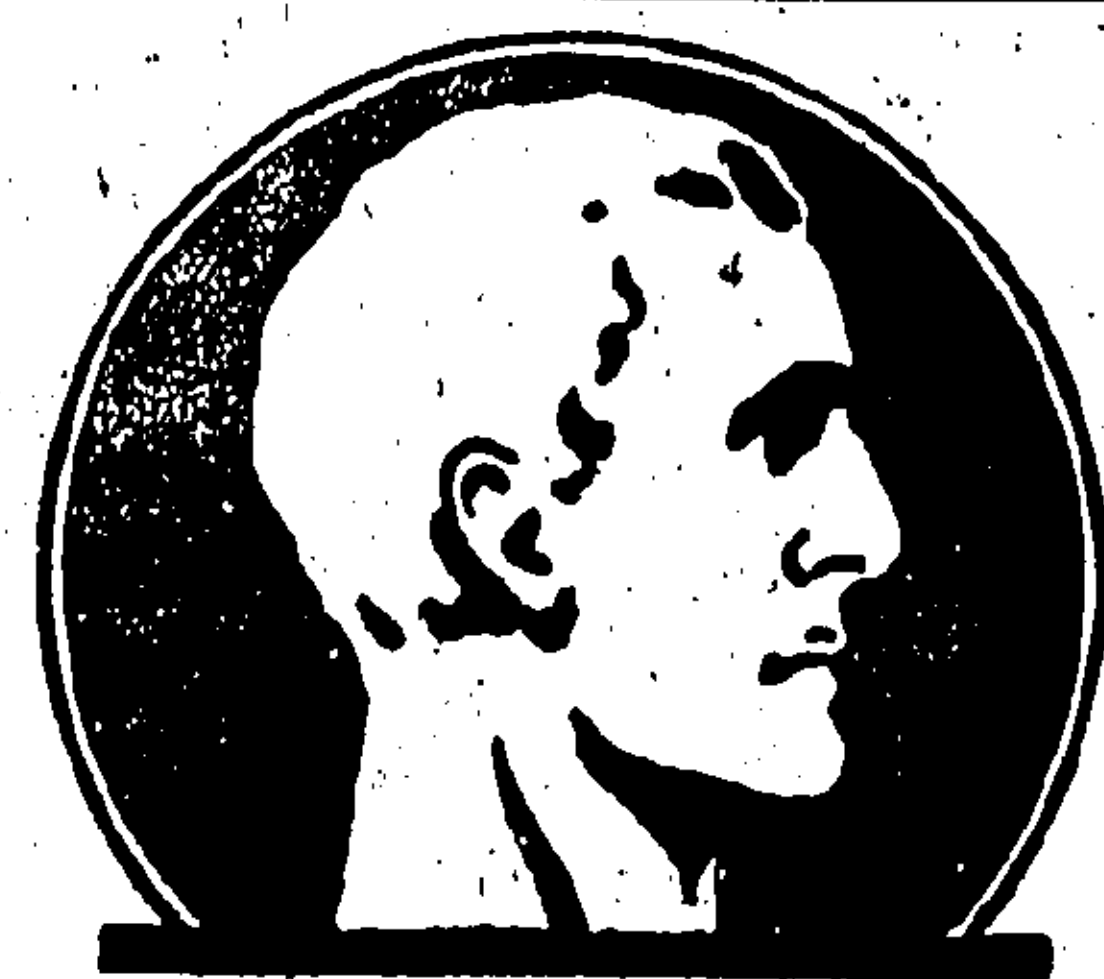
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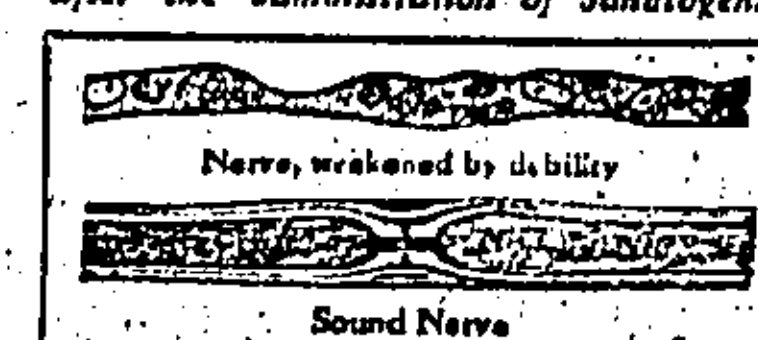
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MANILA MARU Saturday, 20th December.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.

INDUS MARU Thursday, 20th December.

SHUNKO MARU Thursday, 3rd January.

DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR

MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.

MEXICO MARU Sunday, 5th January.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

TACOMA MARU (Omitis Penang) Wednesday, 2nd January.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From

Shanghai.

ARIZONA MARU Tuesday, 18th December.

MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.

EUMA MARU Saturday, 5th January.

SAIGON

HAIPHONG—Via Hanoi

MENADO MARU Thursday, 20th December 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.

HAYAMA MARU Sunday, 6th January.

JAPAN PORTS

BATAVIA MARU Thursday, 20th December.

KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.

CANTON MARU Sunday, 23rd December Noon.

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Captain C. H. Jones, of the "Luchow," is on reserve.

Mr. G. A. Evans, chief officer, "Sinkiang," has gone chief officer, "Chungking."
Mr. K. A. Pagden, second officer, "Chenan," has gone extra second officer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. P. McAlister, second officer, "Chengtu," has gone second officer, "Wuchang."
Mr. J. W. Evans, second officer, "Wuchang," has gone second officer, "Chengtu."

Mr. J. R. Liley, extra chief officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone chief officer, "Chenan."
Captain D. Lupton, of the "Chungking," is on reserve.

Mr. A. Swanson, second officer, "Yunnan," has gone second officer, "Hsin Peking."
Mr. F. A. Gullfrith, extra second officer, "Wanshan," has gone second officer, "Yunnan."

Mr. L. V. Rowe, chief officer, "Chungking," has gone chief officer, "Yingchow."
Mr. R. Allison, chief officer, "Liangchow," has gone chief officer, "Chungking."

Mr. L. Bones, from reserve, has gone acting chief officer, "Pingwo."
Mr. A. Pittendrigh, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Hopsang."

Mr. J. Shiel, second officer, "Hopsang," is on reserve.
Mr. T. S. Griffiths has been appointed extra second officer, "Kutwo."

Mr. E. W. Coxon, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, "Loongwo."
Mr. P. L. Brown has been appointed extra third engineer officer, "Luenho."

Mr. G. W. Russell, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, "Tuckwo."
Mr. A. T. Perry, chief engineer officer, "Tuckwo," has gone chief engineer officer, "Kutwo."

Mr. W. Wanderleach, third engineer officer, "Luenho," is on reserve.—Shipping and Engineering.

ON THE "PIERCE"

Among the passengers arriving in Hong Kong, aboard the s.s. "President Pierce" yesterday were:

Mr. R. L. Drake, superintendent of the Texas Co. of New York, stopping over in Hong Kong on a business tour of the Far East. He is accompanied by Mrs. Drake and daughter.

Mr. Chester Fritz, representative of the American Metal Co., Ltd., on business trip to Hong Kong. Mr. Chas. M. Gee, Manager for South China for the Aniline & Chemical Co., returning to Hong Kong from a business trip to Shanghai.

Mr. Charles Lewis, vice-president of the Illinois Glass Co., en route to Hong Kong on a business trip. Mr. B. H. Miles, Far Eastern representative for Williams Oil-O-Matic Heating Corporation of Bloomington, Ill., stopping over in Hong Kong, on business tour of the Far East.

Mr. Onne Steenstra, manager of the Netherlands Trading Society, en route from Shanghai to Hong Kong on a business trip. Mr. S. P. Hsu, manager of S. D. Ren & Co. and Managing Proprietor for Wai Lam Tin Co., returning from a business trip to Shanghai.

Mr. M. D. Lau, superintendent of Wing On Co., Ltd., (Shanghai), en route to Hong Kong on a business trip, accompanied by Mrs. Lau. Mr. H. A. Pan, Director of Public Works at Canton, for the Nationalist Government, returning from an official visit to Nanking.

"SECOND TO NONE"

A tribute to British shipbuilding firms was paid by Mr. D. E. Galloway, vice-president of the Canadian National Steamship, on the eve of his departure for Canada, after an inspection of the new steamers his company have under construction by Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co.

The "Lady Nelson," the first of these five steamers to be completed, left the Mersey for Canada on her maiden voyage recently. She has been completed 20 days ahead of contract.

"My inspection," said Mr. Galloway, "has convinced me still further of what I have always known to be the case, that British shipbuilding firms are second to none the world over. The expedition with which the job has been carried out is an object lesson in big scale industrial organization."

SWEDISH SHIPPING

LOANS FOR MOTORSHIP CONSTRUCTION

FROM THE STATE

It is announced in Stockholm that the Minister of Commerce has approved the following propositions regarding State loans to shipowners: Svea Steamship Company, 600,000 kronor (contribution to the building cost of a motorship of 8,100 tons d.w., ordered from the Kockum Shipyard); Sweden-America Line, 1,000,000 kronor (additional contribution to the cost of the motorship "Odensholm," as well as two motorships of 6,000 tons d.w., ordered from the Erikberg Yard, and a third of 7,000 tons, ordered from the Gotaverka); Trans-Atlantic Company, 300,000 kronor; Trans-Pacific Company, 160,000 kronor (further contributions to the cost of the motorship Mirrabooka and Farrakoola. These advances make a total of 2,050,000 kronor, or about £114,000.

Ship Mortgage Bank

In connection with the question of the establishment of a ship mortgage bank in Sweden, a report from Stockholm states that the committee of experts appointed by the Treasury to inquire into this matter has now handed in its report. It is pointed out that the marine insurance business has now developed in such a manner that all risks could be covered. There was accordingly no reason why the State should reject all idea of State support in connection with the foundation of such a bank. In certain respects the procuring of capital in the manner indicated was preferable to advances from the Shipping Loan Fund.

A proposal had been made, the report says, for the establishment of a bank with a share capital of 1,000,000 kronor as the minimum and 3,000,000 kronor as the maximum and with power to issue bonds of 30,000,000 to 60,000,000 kronor. A preliminary condition for these bonds would be a fund of 2,000,000 to 5,000,000 kronor guaranteed by the State. As the capital available for advances would probably be used up in two or three years, provision would have to be made for an increase of the guaranteed fund. Such a bank, the report concludes, must treat all shipowners on a basis of absolute equality in regard to security and other conditions.

CANADA LINES

NEW CARGO VESSELS ORDERED

New tonnage is to be added to the Canada Steamship Lines fleet. Two new cargo ships are to be built, one at Midland, Ontario, by the Midland Shipbuilding Company and one at Dawson, Quebec by the Davie Shipbuilding and Repairing Company according to the announcement made by Mr. T. R. Endrby, general manager of Canada Steamships Lines, Limited.

The ship to be built by the Davie Company is to be ready for May 1, 1929, and the keel blocks are already in place. This vessel will be an addition to the Hamilton-Toronto-Montreal express service, and will be of the City type, similar to the "City of Kingston" and the "City of Montreal," which now operate between these ports. She will be of 1,800 gross tons, which will make her slightly larger than the general type. She will be capable of 12 knots loaded. The dimensions are—length 242 ft. between perpendiculars, 40 ft. beam and 24 ft. moulded depth.

The other ship to be built is of the North-west freighter type, her length will be 250 ft. b.p. beam 42 ft. 9 ins. and depth 26 ft. 6 ins. She will be similar to the steamer "Leftholme," with a gross tonnage of 2,380 tons and a loaded speed of 12 knots. This vessel is to be started at once and ready for service by May 1, 1929. She will incorporate all the latest appliances for loading and unloading, and her run will be from Montreal to Port William in the general package freight service.

Both companies building these ships are subsidiaries of Canada Steamship Lines.

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LOCAL SHIPPING

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Tresillian (2,972) British, from Southampton, Singapore — MacMackenzie & Co.:—1,300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,000 tons (through).

New Mathilde (842) British, from Haiphong, Amoy—Yik Tai:—140 passengers, 1,570 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Ninghai (1,481) British, from Shanghai, Amoy—B. & S.:—1 passenger, 300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 300 tons (through).

Chinkiang (1,229) British, from Shanghai—B. & S.:—1 passenger, 510 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 465 tons (through).

President Pierce (8,396) American, from Los Angeles, Shanghai—Dollar Line:—664 passengers, 1,650 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,251 tons (through).

President Madison (8,341) American, from Manila—Dollar Line:—372 passengers, 193 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,631 tons (through).

Fulda (5,525) German, from Bremen, Manila—Melchers & Co.:—467 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,017 tons (through), 84 passengers.

Portos (7,338) French, from Shanghai—M. M.:—232 passengers, 1 ton general cargo for Hong Kong, 602 tons (through).

Song Bo (720) French, from Haiphong, Fort Bayard—M. M.:—18 passengers, 1,300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Huong Hoi (602) French, from Fort Bayard—Hoi Hing Cheung:—28 passengers, 124 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Escondido (937) Norwegian, from Bangkok—K. Larssen:—2,050 tons general cargo for Hong Kong. Hiram (1,109) Norwegian, from Bangkok, Swatow—Thoresen & Co.:—1,250 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 15 tons (through).

Celebes Maru (4,258) Japanese, from Yokohama, Moji—O. S. K.:—2 passengers, 1,028 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,114 tons (through).

Waipori Maru (1,221) Japanese, from Canton—Wada & Co. Shui Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao—Hoo Hing Co.:—35 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.

For Shanghai:—Cheung On.

For Canton:—Wai Shing, Hupeh, Raleigh, Kojun Maru, Ting Sang.

For Amoy:—Tjimanook.

For Shanghai:—Baume, Aeneas.

For Bangkok:—Pronio.

For Swatow:—Hydrangen.

For Singapore:—Celebes Maru.

For K. C. Wan:—Tai Poo Sek.

For Takao:—Benarty.

For Macao:—Shui Hing.

For Swatow:—Seistan.

For Amoy:—Tak Hing.

Clearance

For Hanoi:—Chusan.

For Moji:—Ginyo Maru.

For Keelung:—Fulda.

For Swatow:—Yuan Jeng.

For Shanghai:—Pres. Madison.

For Amoy:—Shantung.

Arrivals Departures

British 4 7

French 3 1

Japanese 2 2

Norwegian 2 2

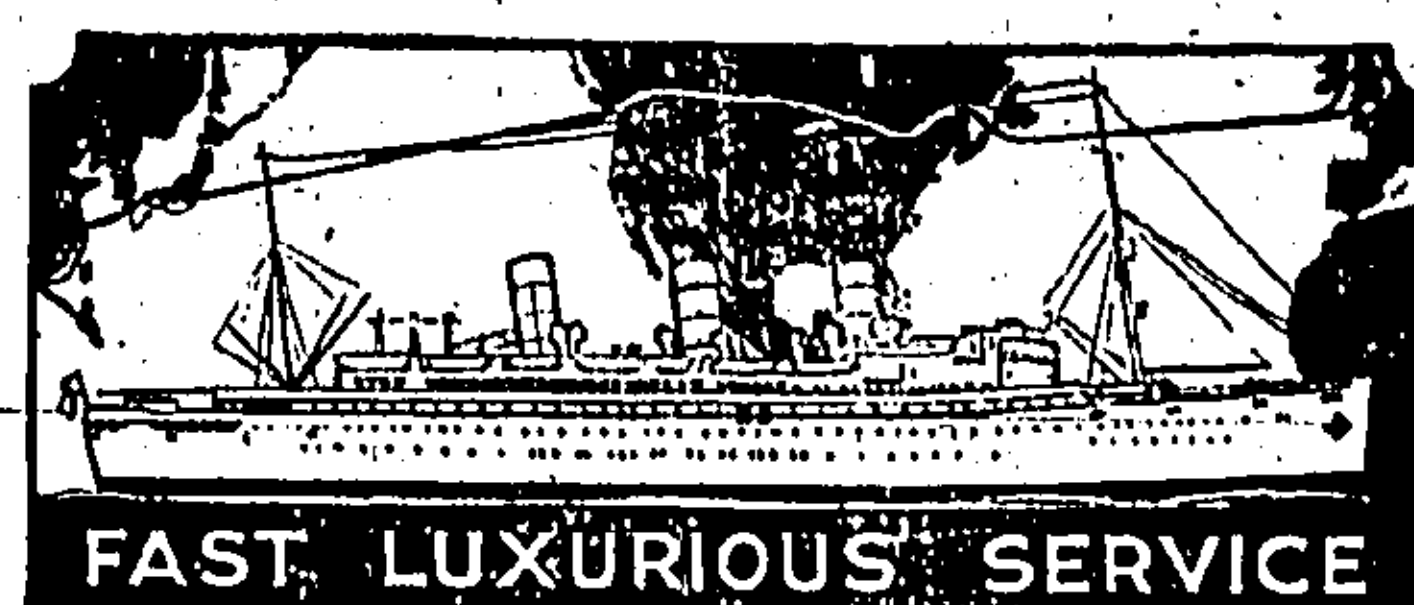
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TALPORA	9,273	24th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
MOREA	10,953	2nd Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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SANTHIA	7,754	20th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	6th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKIWA	7,936	13th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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TILAWA	10,000	15th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	15th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*PADUA	5,807	18th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKIWA	7,936	20th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.

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The G.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
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15.

The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" from
Hong Kong arrived London
on Dec. 15 at 1 a.m.

The E.L. s.s. "Bohm" from
Europe and Straits left Singapore
for this port Dec. 14, and is due
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General regret will be felt in
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ing and shipping circles at the an-
nouncement of the retirement at
the end of the year through ill-
health of Mr. B. G. Oxford,
Wh.Sc., M.Inst.C.E., M.Inst.N.A.,
M.I.Mar.E., principal surveyor at
the port of Liverpool for Lloyd's
Register of Shipping. It was only
at the end of 1926 that Mr.
Oxford took over the position at
Liverpool, in succession to Mr.
John Dykes, and it is all the more
to be regretted that his retire-
ment has been brought about
through the circumstances men-
tioned.

Mr. Oxford's successor in Liver-
pool will be Mr. R. D. Cairns
(principal surveyor at Cardiff),
while Mr. R. Choatham, who now
occupies the position of senior
ship surveyor at Liverpool, is go-
ing to Cardiff to succeed Mr.
Cairns.

Mr. Oxford, who can be describ-
ed as a "freeman" of Liverpool by
virtue of birthright, was the first
Derby Science Prize man at the
Liverpool School of Science, and
also the Whitworth Scholar at
that school. He joined Messrs.
Clark and Martin, the engineers
and millwrights, of Cranmer-street,
Liverpool, as an apprentice, and
at the conclusion of his appren-
ticeship joined Messrs. Lamport
and Holt, in whose ships he serv-
ed during the whole of his seago-
ing career, and in which he ob-
tained all his certificates. He en-
tered Lloyd's Register of Ship-
ping in 1890 as a shipping and en-
gineering surveyor at Liverpool,
and then went to Swansea for a
short time, returning to Liverpool
and subsequently serving at Glas-
gow for eight years, and at Grim-
sby for a similar period.

While at Grimsby Mr. Oxford
was the founder and first presi-
dent of the Grimsby Institute of
Engineers and Shipbuilders. Some
twenty-two years ago he returned
to Liverpool as an engineer sur-
veyor. He has carried out some
very distinguished work on behalf
of Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
which was recognized by his ap-
pointment to the principal position
at the Liverpool office, from which,
unfortunately he is now retiring.
He is a member of the Institute
of Civil Engineers, of the Institute
of Naval Architects, and of the
Institute of Marine Engineers.

The s.s. "Kochow," resumed on
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5 p.m., with a full passenger certi-
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ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong
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M. A. S. Dykes, Miss C. Farmer,
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and Mrs. J. R. Hooley, Mr. L. M. S.
Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robinson,
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and Mrs. S. G. N. Tinson, Mr. G. G.
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G. B. Warren, Miss D. Warren, Mr.
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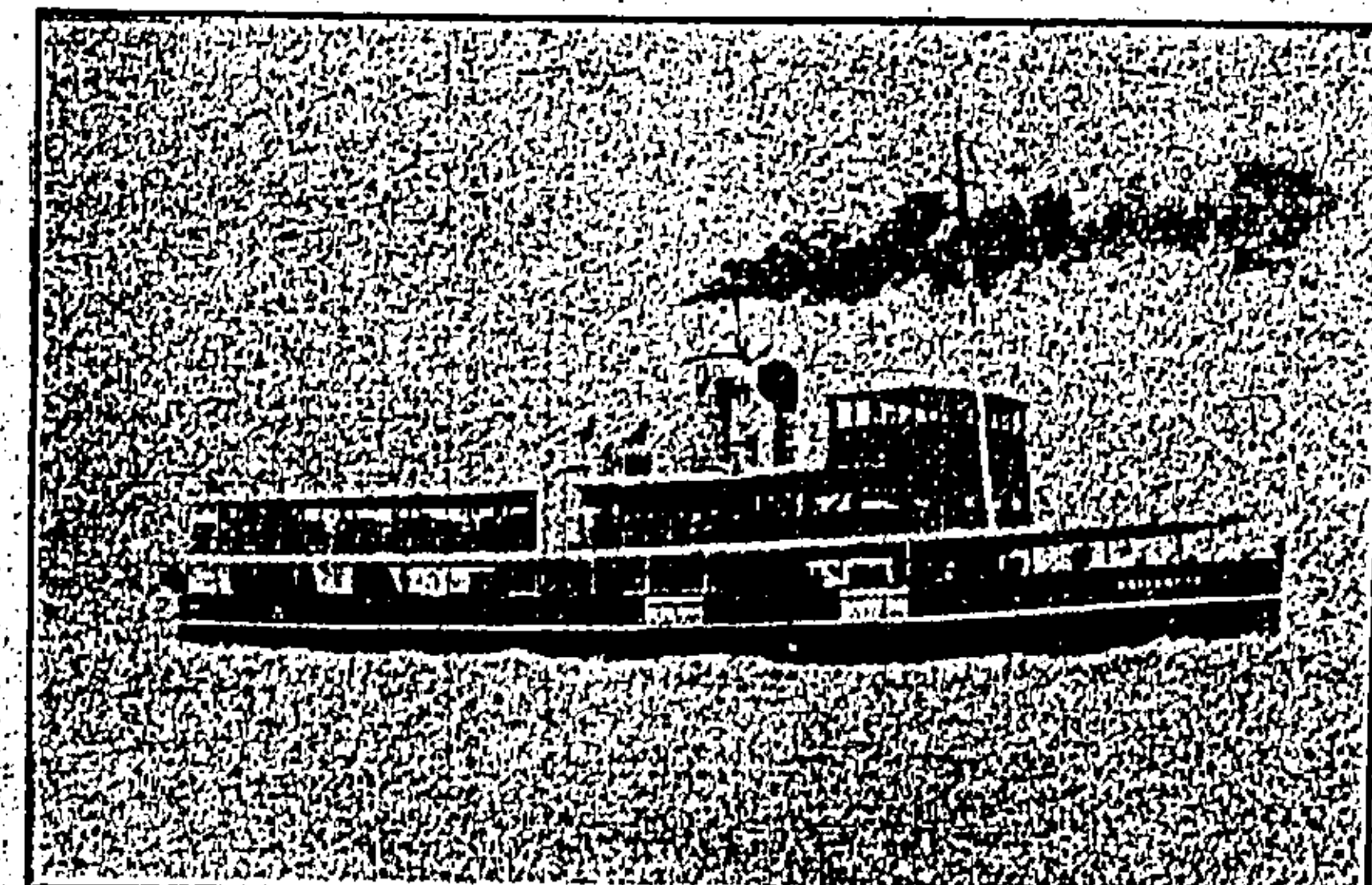
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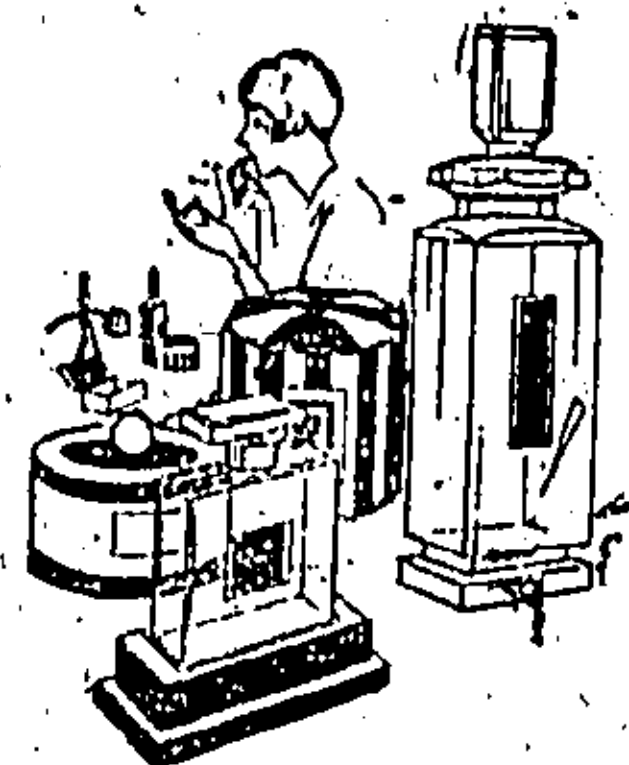
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A "ROUTINE" CHANGE

Much has been said about the impending change in the "governorship" of Canton but few people seem to have realised its significance. At the outset, emphasis has to be laid on the fact that the change is unlike many of the past. It might be called a routine change in personnel. General Chan Mingshu (or Chen Min-chu as he is known in the North) is to assume office shortly as chairman of the Government of Kwangtung province, which post Marshal Li Chai-sum has resigned. In effect, the chairman of the Provincial Government directs the civil administration of Kwangtung; but there is a higher body. A branch of the Central Political Council of the National Party functions in Canton, and Marshal Li remains as chairman of this body. Marshal Li will, therefore, continue to have the most say in the branch Political Council which, in turn, lays down the law to the Provincial Government.

As we have explained before, this development has been mooted for some time. We do not question the motives underlying the scheme of closer co-operation arrived at between Marshal Li (as spokesman of the Kwangsi faction which holds sway in four provinces) and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek (as head of the Chekiang faction which desires to consolidate the power of the National Government). The Kwangsi faction wished the radicals to be kept out of office and it also desired a share in the voice of Nanking. On the other hand,

the Chekiang faction is to benefit by concessions by the Kwangsi faction. The placing in office of General Chan, Ming-shu, who stands high in the esteem of Chiang Kai-shek, is one of the concessions. Bound up with General Chan's succession to Marshal Li are other issues with far reaching consequences, all of which are designed to re-act favourably on the country at large.

One such is the application of the axe of economy to the Nationalist Armies. A start has been made elsewhere but not in Kwangtung. Concurrently with the announcement of General Chan's intention to assume duty, a potential disbandment programme in Kwangtung is broadcast. It is to be noted that Marshal Li does not relinquish supreme command of the troops in Kwangtung, nor does he vacate the chairmanship of the branch Political Council. General Chan's appointment, however, is a gain for the National Government towards making its influence felt in the south. But it is doubtful if the Kwangsi faction will concede anything more. The maritime provinces count most in China, as witness the "arms" extended to the sea by each of the big factions to ensure an open road. Kwangtung is the only province with a seaboard held by the Kwangsi faction. And bearing this in mind, there need be no anxiety about the possibility of Marshal Li voluntarily giving up Kwangtung, even if he is to be permanently in Nanking.

Shanghai's "Snoopers"

Shanghai which, for this part of the world, is just a surprisingly large, cosmopolitan city populated by a pronouncedly democratic community, has been referred to by all sorts of appellations. Sometimes, rather fancifully, it has been called "The Model Settlement," and, even more fancifully, "The Paris of the East." Many people, who evidently know nothing of the place, have called it by all sorts of lurid names and a member of the House of Lords, who ought to have known better (but apparently didn't) once upon a time spoke of it to his fellow peers as "that sink of iniquity." Such appellations are, of course, merely amusing to those who know Shanghai and who have lived in the place for some time, for to them it is merely a more or less ordinary city, with more or less ordinary people living in it. The latest little bit of Shanghai and its Shanghai landers has been made by a distinguished American dramatist, Mr. Eugene O'Neill, who, it would seem, has been in the northern

port for a week or two. He calls Shanghai a "city of unwholesome virtues"—which sounds paradoxical. Or is this the "unkindest cut of all" for if Shanghai's virtues be "unwholesome," she must indeed be in a bad way. What indeed must her vices be like? Mr. O'Neill seems to have reversed the usual order of things with regard to American tourists the residents, to have been pestered by them. He says he has found in China "more snoops and gossips to the square inch than there are in any New England town of 2,000 inhabitants." Gee! that is pretty bad! But in the name of the noble English language what is a "snoop"? It is not surprising to read that Mr. O'Neill has departed abruptly from Shanghai for Hong Kong, Honolulu, Tahiti or the South Pole, where he hopes to find peace. The dramatist, it seems, was unwell while in Shanghai, and apparently the inquiries into his health got on his nerves. Such, of course, is a part of the penalty of being a celebrity.

The Rev. W. Hodson Smith, the new President of the Wesleyan Conference, said it was now agreed that there was a strong tendency in the borderland of physical science and philosophy towards the more spiritual interpretation of the universe. At any rate physicists were agreed that there was no ultimate distinction to be drawn between matter and energy. Might they not take a step further and affirm that the basis of all things was spiritual, and that the ultimate issue of all things was spiritual?—The "Daily News" (London).

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H.M.'s transport "Neuralia," with the 2nd Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment on board, bound for Shanghai from Southampton, is due to arrive here on Friday afternoon from Singapore.

Four mistresses of cargo boats were summoned at the Marine Court this morning for making fast alongside the s.s. "Porthos" when she was underway on December 17. All the defendants admitted the charge and were fined \$10 each.

Among many others, eight Chinese hawkers were this morning charged at the Kowloon Magistracy, with failing to renew licences. Fines of \$4 were imposed, and in two cases defendants were discharged, the prosecution mentioning the fact that they were allowed to the end of this year in which to renew their licence.

A small Chinese girl, named Ho Sau (6), living on board cargo boat No. 2885-V, was severely scalded about the face and hands yesterday when a pot of boiling water upset on her while the boat was alongside the Wing Lok-street wharf. The police removed the child to the Government Civil Hospital at 5.50 p.m.; and, in spite of everything that was done for her, she died at 12.20 a.m.

As the result of a fall, in attempting to alight from motor bus No. 138, whilst it was in motion near the junction of Cameron-road, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, a 14-year-old Chinese boy received injuries to his head, from which he died at the Kwong Wah Hospital last night. The lad was taken to the hospital at 2.50 p.m. and expired in the evening without regaining consciousness.

Sergeant Pepperell, who has for a considerable period acted as Court Sergeant at the Central Magistracy, is being transferred to the Chinese Police Station. He is being relieved at the Central Magistracy by Sergeant Raich, who up to his transfer, performed similar duties at the Kowloon Magistracy. Sub-Inspector Kirkby, from Home leave, relieves Sergeant Faich as Court Officer at Kowloon.

For the theft of 30 "slings" of fire-wood from a shop in Temple-street, yesterday, a Chinese was this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy sentenced to 14 days imprisonment. Defendant pleaded that he had been enticed by a man he did not know, to carry the wood. He had not intended to steal it. Complaintant gave evidence of seeing defendant actually in the act of stealing the wood.

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The members of the Club de Recreio have branched out into another sphere of activity, producing a monthly publication entitled "The Blunwitte Bull Magazine" at a charge of 50 cents a copy. It sets out the Club's sporting and other interests.

Major W. K. Campbell and Surgeon Lieut. Davis have consented to act as judges in the Ho Fook Cup Competition (St. John Ambulance Brigade, Kowloon Railway Division) on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. The competition will be held on the Kowloon Football Ground which is situated on the Sea Front, Chatham-road, opposite Gun Club Hill.

POLICE RESERVE

NEW ORDERS BY THE C.S.P.

TRAINING SCHOOL

A class for Police Reservists will be held as usual on Tuesday, December 18, at 6 p.m. On the same day at 5.30 p.m. sharp, instruction will be given in the handling and aiming of revolver.

Squad Drill, etc.

All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies and the Flying Squad will attend at Central for Squad Drill, etc., on Thursday, December 20, at 5.30 p.m. under Sergeant P. Condon. Dress—Muff.

Chinese Company.—Signalling.—The signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for instruction in Morse and Semaphore under Mr. R. G. Wilson on Thursday, December 20, and Friday, December 21, at 6 p.m.

First Aid to the Injured.—A class for instruction in First Aid is being organised to be held at the Company's Headquarters every Wednesday at 5.30 p.m., commencing January 9 next. The lecturer will be Dr. T. P. Woo, M.B., Ch.B., Edin., Divisional Surgeon of the St. John Ambulance Brigade (through the kind courtesy of Mr. A. Morris, Assistant Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Association). Any member of the Chinese Company who desires to join this class with a view to qualifying for the St. John Ambulance Badge should hand his name to the Company Commander as soon as possible.

Indian Company

Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company are reminded of the parade to be held at the Central Police Station on Tuesday, December 18, at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Flying Squad. Strength.—Constable R319, Ng Chi-ia, has been taken on the strength of the Flying Squad as from December 14.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, December 18, Fall in at the Tsim-tsa-tsi Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter uniform. The final instructional patrol of the month of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Thursday, December 20, and all members are requested to take part in this final patrol of the year. Fall in at Central at 5.15 p.m. Dress—Winter uniform.

Sharpshooters

Joint Run with the Flying Squad.—All members of the Company who possess cars or motor cycles on the Hong Kong side will assemble in the courtyard of the New Fire Station Building, on Thursday, December 20, at 5.00 p.m. sharp with their machines. Uniform will be worn.

Parades and Classes

All parades and instructional classes are suspended from December 21 until after the Christmas and New Year Holidays. (Sgd.) D. L. King, D.S.P. (R.) Hong Kong, Dec. 18, 1928.

THE AUTOMATIC

PROGRESS BEING MADE WITH THE NEW SYSTEM

Yesterday workmen from the Hong Kong Telephone Co., were engaged in the erection of a small structure over a manhole on the footpath opposite the Asiatic building. It was explained that this manhole is being constructed to cope with the large volume of work attending the introduction to the Colony of the automatic telephone. All telephone cables will converge at the point outside Asiatic building, and subscribers' lines will be directly connected with Exchange building, from where the new automatic system will be operated.

SCHOOL BAZAAR

THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL EFFORT

A SUCCESS

On behalf of herself, the staff and pupils, the headmistress of the Diocesan Girls' School, thanks the parents, friends and business firms who so generously supported the School Bazaar and helped to make it a success; the parents who entirely provided the tea and the following:—

Mr. Mow Fung of Der A. Wing Co.; The Sun Co.; Wing On Co.; Sincere Co.; The Hong Kong Fish Store; Lane, Crawford's; Nestles Milk Co.; Bluebird Co.; Kowloon Confectionery; On Lok Yuen; Kayamally; Bombay Silk Store; Pioneer Silk Store; Elite Styles; Loxley & Co.; Colonial Dispensary; Hung Cheong; The Dairy Farm; Cafe Pavilion; Whampoa Dock.

Amounts Received. Friends of the school will be interested to learn that the following amounts have been received.—Class I, Stationery, etc., \$83.55; Class II, Flowers and edibles, \$138; Class III, Miscellaneous, \$281.36; Class IV, Dolls, \$88; Class V, Pens, \$84.70; Class V, Shooting Competitions, etc., \$56.70; Class V, Remove, Chinese goods, \$76.20; Class VI, Sweets, \$86.05; Classes VII and VIII, Toys, Bran-lub, \$122.95; School Work Stall, \$222; Guides, \$91.50; Toffee (Miss McGill), \$25; Received later, \$25.

This makes a total of \$1,331.30. The Guides have very generously given the school \$41.50 out of the \$91.50 which they earned for themselves and the Headmistress would thank them as well as the Brownies who made very acceptable gifts to more than one stall.

By the votes of the School girls it has been decided that of the above sum the following donations should be made to local charities:—

The Victoria Home, Kowloon, \$100.
 To provide a meal for poor children, \$100.
 Mrs. Duppy for the Lepers in Pakhoi, \$80.
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 Eyre Refuge, Kowloon, \$50.
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 Blind Home, Kowloon, \$50.
 School needs, \$600.
 School charity fund (minus expenses) \$81.30.
 Total, \$1,251.30.

MANILA SHOWS

A TREAT OFFERED TO ORPHANS

The Manila shows now entertaining on Praya East, opposite Amoy Street, desire to give the orphans of Hong Kong a treat in the form of opening their show to them without charge. The orphans of Kowloon are also invited.

All organised orphan societies or institutions are requested to get in touch with Mr. Edwin E. Tait, manager of the Manila Shows, immediately, either by post or in person, so that arrangements may be made to receive the children on Friday afternoon, December 21, at 4 p.m.

The management assures the children that they will enjoy "All the Fun of the Fair."

COURT ETIQUETTE

PRINCESS ASTRID AND THE WOMAN IN THE STREET

Princess Astrid, who before becoming Duchess of Brabant, used to go freely about Stockholm, finds Court etiquette hard at times.

Rumour has it that her mother-in-law has occasionally to remind the youthful Princess that a future Queen cannot mix too freely with the woman in the street and go about shopping so much as she is fond of doing, especially when her sister Martha is paying her a visit, which is a frequent event since her marriage.

Princess Astrid, with her baby, Princess Josephine Charlotte, and her sister Martha, has been at Ostend, where at least she is at liberty to go about without having to trouble much with Court etiquette.

"Good morning, Farmer Moggs!" said the neighbouring butcher to a customer. "How are you?"

"Quite well, thanks," responded the farmer.

"Wife and family, quite well?"

"Yes, quite well."

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RECKLESS DRIVING ON STUBBS ROAD

MOTOR-CYCLE FINED

The Chinese driver of public motor car No. 41, owned by the Hong Kong Hotel garage, was this morning summoned before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy, for negligent driving on Stubbs-road at 1.05 p.m., on December 1.

Defendant pleaded "not guilty." He said that some coolies were carrying tables and chairs down the road in front of his car, and this obscured his view of the road in front of him. The width of that part of the road was such that he had to pass the carriers on the right or proceed slowly behind them for a considerable distance.

Evidence for the prosecution was given by Mr. T. G. Wynn. He said that on the day in question he was driving his own car (No. 1449) up Stubbs-road at his usual speed of about 18 miles per hour. When the car got to the bend just above "Huntington," he saw the defendant's car, a large 7-seater Studebaker, with no passenger, coming down the road at a speed of at least 30 miles per hour. Four or six coolies carrying furniture were also coming down the road, keeping well to the side of the road.

Car No. 41 swung out past the coolies to its wrong side of the road. This left the witness' car not more than three feet between the big car and the stone wall by the side of the road. Realising that there was not sufficient space for him to pass, witness pulled up dead by applying both the hand and foot brakes. Defendants car just managed to swerve in again in front of the coolies, to avoid a collision with witness' car.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$15.

The Chinese owner of motor cycle No. 547 was charged with speeding at Praya East at 12.25 p.m., on December 3.

He admitted the offence.

"A Very Bad One"

Traffic Sergeant Kopy said that the case was a "very bad one." The defendant did 47 miles per hour between Landale and Ship's-street. The Praya was very crowded at that time of the day.

Fined \$20.

Sub-Inspector Nicols summoned the driver of motor car No. 508 for speeding in the City. The officer said defendant was going at 30 miles per hour, and on his motor cycle witness chased defendant along Connaught-road, past the Star ferry and into Murray-road, before he could catch up to the defendant and pull him up.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$15.

TRAGIC AFFAIR

BRITISH CONSUL'S SUPPOSED SUICIDE

DISAPPEARS FROM SHIP

Shanghai, Yesterday. Mr. Langford Smith, until lately the British Consul at Chefoo, and recently transferred to Amoy, joined the steamer "Ninghai" at Shanghai on December 13 for Amoy. The captain has now sent a wireless message to say that he is not on board. It is feared that he is missing.

On enquiry on arrival of the "Ninghai" at Amoy, it was stated that Mr. Langford Smith was last seen at 10 o'clock on the night of December 13, going to his cabin. His absence was discovered on the following morning.

Mr. Smith left letters, from which it is believed that he intended to commit suicide.—Reuter.

AN EXPLOSION

ALARMING AFFAIR AT SHOE FACTORY

Soon after 7 o'clock last night, an explosion occurred in the Fung Keung rubber shoe factory at Shauiwan East.

The explosion was thought to have been due to over pressure in a vulcanising chamber which caused the cover to be blown off.

Considerable damage was done to parts of the factory walls and roof, and section of which collapsed as the result of the explosion. Four workers, three women, and one man were buried underneath the debris.

Police and firemen, who were promptly on the scene, immediately undertook the work of rescuing the victims. One woman, named Cheung Tai (41) was brought out dead. She had been badly crushed by heavy masonry. The remains were removed to the public mortuary.

The other three were taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where only one woman was detained. Another woman and a man were fortunate to escape with only superficial injuries which, although painful, were not of a serious nature. They were allowed to go

"TOM JONES"

PHILHARMONIC SHOW STILL "GOING STRONG"

LAST NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE

The Philharmonic Society gave their third performance of "Tom Jones" at the Theatre Royal last night to a fairly large and very enthusiastic house. Encores were the order of the evening, no less than five being called for and each time the members of the cast smilingly obliged.

Mrs. Bowes-Smith last night as Squire Western's daughter was at the top of her form and received much well earned applause, while Mrs. Hurst, as her maid "Honour," seemed to be the life of the play. Her singing was of a high standard and met with much approval by the audience, who encored her several times.

The Moorish dance, arranged by Miss Daisy O'Keefe, was very graceful and dainty and received a well-deserved encore.

Mr. D. M. Richards as "Tom Jones," Mr. Oscar Eager as "Benjamin Partridge," the man of parts, and P. Hale as Gregory all performed remarkably well.

The chorus again reached a very high standard.

The Philharmonic Society deserve great credit for their success, and we hope they will obtain the support they deserve for their remaining performances.

To-morrow there will be no performance at night but a "Matinee" will be given instead, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

"BEAU GESTE"

TO-DAY AT STAR

One of the greatest moments that any film has ever had comes at the very start of "Beau Geste" the big film which will be shown at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. A lonely desert fort manned by a garrison of dead men—dauntless heroes fixing sightless eyes along rifles clutched in lifeless hands. Forty men against four thousand. Such is the note struck in the opening incidents of this romance of three brothers who leave home under the shadow of disgrace, each suspecting the other of a crime, yet not willing to believe him guilty.

Each leaves in the dead of night, hoping that his disappearance will be taken as a sign of guilt. Chance brings them together again in the French Foreign Legion. The events that follow are as stirring as any other presented on the screen and the climax is superb. Ronald Colman plays the title role. The other featured players include Alice Joyce, Noah Beery, Mary Brian, Neil Hamilton, William Powell, Norman Trevor, Ralph Forbes and Victor McLaglen.

ACROSS THE PACIFIC

ACTIONFUL STORY OF THE SECRET SERVICE

"Across the Pacific" which is the chief attraction at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow, is distinctly out of the usual run of motion pictures. It tells an absorbing story of the Secret Service in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war and presents Monte Blue, the hero, as a soldier who is entrusted with a mission and who encounters many adventures in his effort to ascertain the exact whereabouts of the opposing general. Spectacular battle scenes on plains and in the jungle swamps are among the highlights of the new picture. An excellent supporting cast, each member of which gives a splendid performance, is provided and includes such well-known names as Myrna Loy, Jane Winton, and Tom Wilson. The picture is full of fun and the fire of adventure together with a charming romance.

COMEDY TEAM

"WHY SAILORS GO WRONG" AT QUEEN'S

"Why Sailors Go Wrong," the splendid picture which was much enjoyed by local movie-fans when it was recently shown at the Queen's returns to that theatre to-day for a further screening. Sammy Cohen and Ted McNamara, the incomparable comedy team of "What Price Glory" and "The Gay Retreat," are "heroes" again, this time as a pair of taxi drivers who are stranded on a tropical island where cannibal chiefs and dark skinned beauties turn things into a general uproar. Hilarious fun runs riot throughout the picture which has a well motivated plot with a number of cleverly devised "gags" and a thoroughly satisfying climax. "Why Sailors Go Wrong" is undoubtedly one of the funniest pictures ever shown in Hong Kong and those who have not already seen it should not miss this last opportunity.

home after receiving medical attention. A Coroner's inquest on the dead woman will be held in due course.

HOLLY

"A. H. C." ON LOCAL SUBSTITUTES

FILLING A WANT

The following article from the "Yellow Dragon," by "A. H. C.," makes appropriate reading at this time of the year:—

Christmas, among the British and other peoples of the West, is celebrated by decorations in the house. Two plants beyond all others are used for these decorations—mistletoe and holly. The origin of this custom and the superstitions connected with the use of these plants is lost in mystery. The mistletoe, among the ancient classical peoples, gave the right of entrance to the next world and acted as a fertility charm; it also formed a sacred plant among the ancient Druids. Possibly the permission to kiss under the mistletoe may be a remnant of this fertility charm; or it may possibly be a survival of one of the ancient liberties of the Saturnalia. The use of holly seems to be as old as Father Christmas himself.

Both these plants have certain well-known peculiarities. The mistletoe (*Viscum album*) is the only member of the *Loranthaceae* which grows in Great Britain. The plant is dioecious, i.e. the sexes are separate. Not only so, but it is also a parasite and retains its glaucous rather golden green colour when its host seems to be dead. Thus it was to the ancients "The Golden Bough," the key to the kingdom of Hades. No wonder that it has remained to throw its glamour round Christmas—for Christmas is really a pagan feast, the legend that Christ was born on this day being only a myth devised to give the cloak of ecclesiastical sanction to a well-established pagan festival.

Not Grown Here

The holly, *Ilex aquifolium*, is the only member of the genus *Ilex* found in Europe. It, too, strange to say is generally dioecious. Like the mistletoe it is an evergreen; and this alone in a country where there are so few evergreens would make it an object of attraction and interest. In addition to this the bright red drupes are medicinal and almost poisonous. Few plants are more attractive to children in the excitement of Christmas than the rich green leaves and the bright red drupes of the holly.

Unfortunately the holly, *Ilex aquifolium*, does not grow in Hong Kong. Though South Eastern Asia is the land of the *Ilex* (we have no fewer than nine species of *Ilex* growing in the Colony) none of them answers exactly to the holly, or has to the European the wistful charm of the holly's prickly leaf. We naturally ask then, are there any local substitutes? and if so, what are they?

Scarlet Drupes

At least three of the species of *Ilex* which grow in the Colony have red drupes but none of them seems to us as attractive as their European cousin *Ilex aquifolium*. *Ilex pubescens*, a common local shrub, has an abundance of red drupes, but the colour of the drupes is much darker than those of the holly, and the small pubescent leaves are very untidy-looking. In fact this is a poor decorative plant. One species of *Ilex* here has glorious scarlet drupes. It may possibly be *Ilex graciliflora*; if so, it is not very abundant. Much walking might have to be done to find it. It might be worth while to cultivate this plant for the Christmas consumption of Yule-loving Europeans. There are two or three other species of *Ilex* but none of them is very pretty; and the prettiest, *Ilex asprella*, has a black drupe.

Several species of *Ardisia* (*Myrsinaceae*) have gorgeous red berries and rather pretty foliage. *Ardisia cripata* and *Ardisia pauciflora* are perhaps the best of these. Unfortunately the umbel of berries grows underneath the leaves. This makes the use of the plant difficult for decorative purposes, as the berries are nearly always hidden. The foliage of *Ardisia primulaefolia* makes it unsuitable though it has beautiful berries.

Pachystima elliptica (*Rubiaceae*) is a very abundant shrub with red berries. But the plant even at its best is scrappy-looking and untidy. The berries are of a poor, cheap type of red and fall off easily. *Rauwolfia chinensis* (*Apocynaceae*) has pretty oval-shaped red berries which look as if they were twinned, but these, too, fall off easily and have little resemblance to the holly berry.

Wikstroemia indica (*Thymelaeaceae*) has also pretty red berries, but these come too early for Christmas, and are extremely deciduous.

Best Substitute. Probably better than any of these are a couple of species of *Smilax* (*Liliaceae*). *Smilax China* has beautiful umbel of red berries of a very rich hue. It has the advantage, too, of being a graceful climber. It has just one disadvantage—it is very liberally sup-

plied with rather nasty hooked claws which tear a person's hands and clothes unmercifully. Probably the best substitute of all is *Diplospora viridiflora* (*Rubiaceae*). The berries of this tree grow close to the stem much as they do in the holly. The tree may be distinguished from an *Ilex* by the consistently opposite leaves. It is fairly abundant in the hilly district of the Colony and I have seen it used more than once as a Christmas decoration.

Were it not for the difficulty in eradicating an old custom it might be better to drop the thought of home plants and take some new form of decorative greenery, easily obtainable and native to the district. After all, holly suggests snow and plum-pudding. But we haven't got the snow; and many of us have found that plum-pudding is better as a weapon of offence than as a life preserver. Perhaps in the future the joys and fun of Christmas in the Far East, for European at all events, may weave themselves round a new group of fetishes, and leave the snow, the plum-pudding, the Yule-log, the mistletoe and the holly for the Old Country.

DR. H. WILLIAMS

AN APPRECIATION OF A JOURNALIST

By the death, at the comparatively early age of 52, of Dr. Harold Williams, Director of the Foreign Department of "The Times," an unconscious China has lost a sincere well-wisher and friend. Traditional anonymity, powerful as it often is, serves to hide lights such as his under a journalistic bushel. Thus Chinese nationalist officials and leaders, associating "The Times" with its often uncompromising Far-Eastern correspondents, were probably not aware of the good friend they had at the court of English public opinion. The part which Williams played in moulding the policy set forth in the British Government's Memorandum of Christmas, 1926, cannot be easy of definition, but his steady interpretation of its tenets gave him almost Huxleyan status towards the Foreign Office. Darwinian creed. "The Times" appreciation lays principal stress on his linguistic gifts and experience in Russian and Near-Eastern affairs, but it is on his sympathetic recital of the Chinese nationalist aspirations that the "China Express" may fittingly dwell. Unswerving in the face of the demands of petulant diehardism, Williams' comments on Chinese affairs were ever competent, helpful and sane. For these reasons, as well as for his courteous kindness, his loss will be much felt.—"China Express and Telegraph."

Mr. N. D. Mudie has assumed duty as First Magistrate, Penang.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Theatre Royal; The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society presents "Tom Jones," 9 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Why Sailors Go Wrong."

To-day—World Theatre; "Across the Pacific."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Beau Geste."

Dec. 19—Theatre Royal; The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society presents "Tom Jones," 4.30 p.m.

Dec. 19-22—Queen's Theatre; "Fazil."

Dec. 20-22—World Theatre; "The Magic Flame" (at 5.15 and 9.15); Chinese picture "Nemesis" part I (at 2.30 and 15).

Dec. 20-22—Star Theatre "The Flame of Yukon."

Dec. 23-24—Queen's Theatre; "Rose Marie."

Dec. 23-24—World Theatre; "Stage Struck" (at 5.15 and 9.20 p.m.); Chinese picture "Nemesis" part II, at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

Dec. 23-24—Star Theatre; "The Quarterback."

Dec. 25-26—Queen's Theatre; "Hula."

Dec. 25-26—World Theatre; "The Better 'Ole."

Dec. 25-26—Star Theatre; "Hot Water."

Dec. 27-29—Queen's Theatre; "The Divine Woman."

Dec. 27-29—World Theatre; "Seventh Heaven."

Dec. 27-29—Star Theatre; "Paris At Midnight."

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Dec. 19—Famling meet at Mr. Potts's bungalow, 2.30 p.m.

Dec. 19—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Basketball, "A" vs. "D," 6.15 p.m.

Dec. 20—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Hockey, 2nd XI vs. Club de Recreo, 5 p.m.

Dec. 21—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Basketball, Postponed League Matches, 6.15 p.m.

Dec. 28—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Hockey, 2nd XI vs. H. K. Club "A," 5 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

Dec. 23—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Quiet hour, Speaker, Mr. J. H. Hunt.

Dec. 25—Christmas Day, H.K. Y.M.C.A. Christmas Tiffin, Members will invite Service Guests, 1 p.m.

Dec. 26—Boxing Day, H.K. Y.M.C.A. All day Ramble to Tai-moshan. Ladies invited.

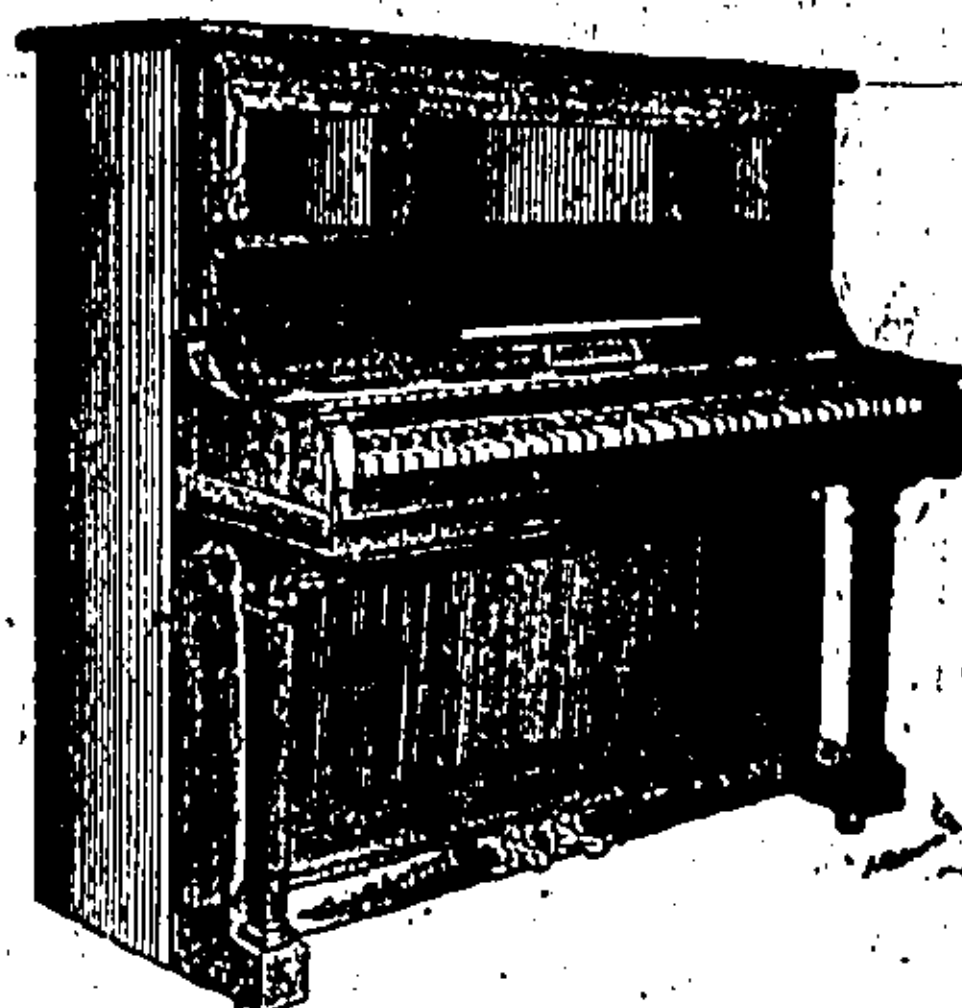
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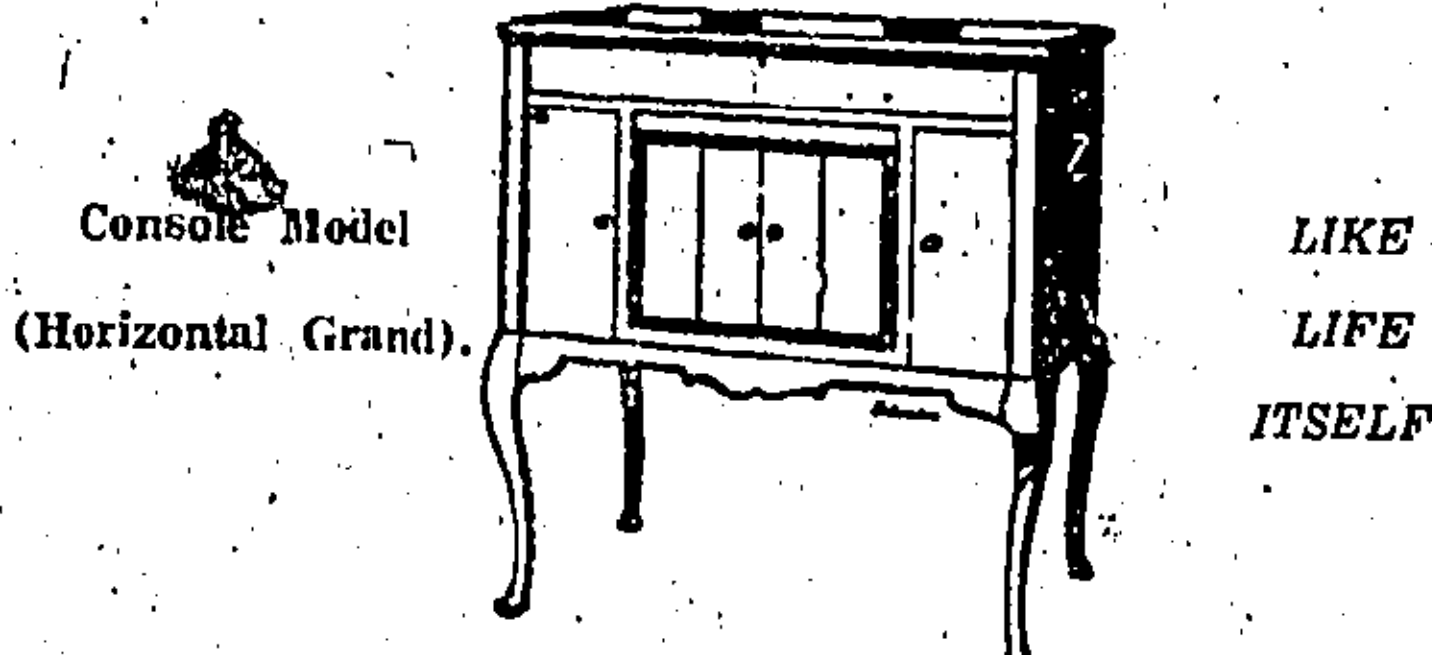
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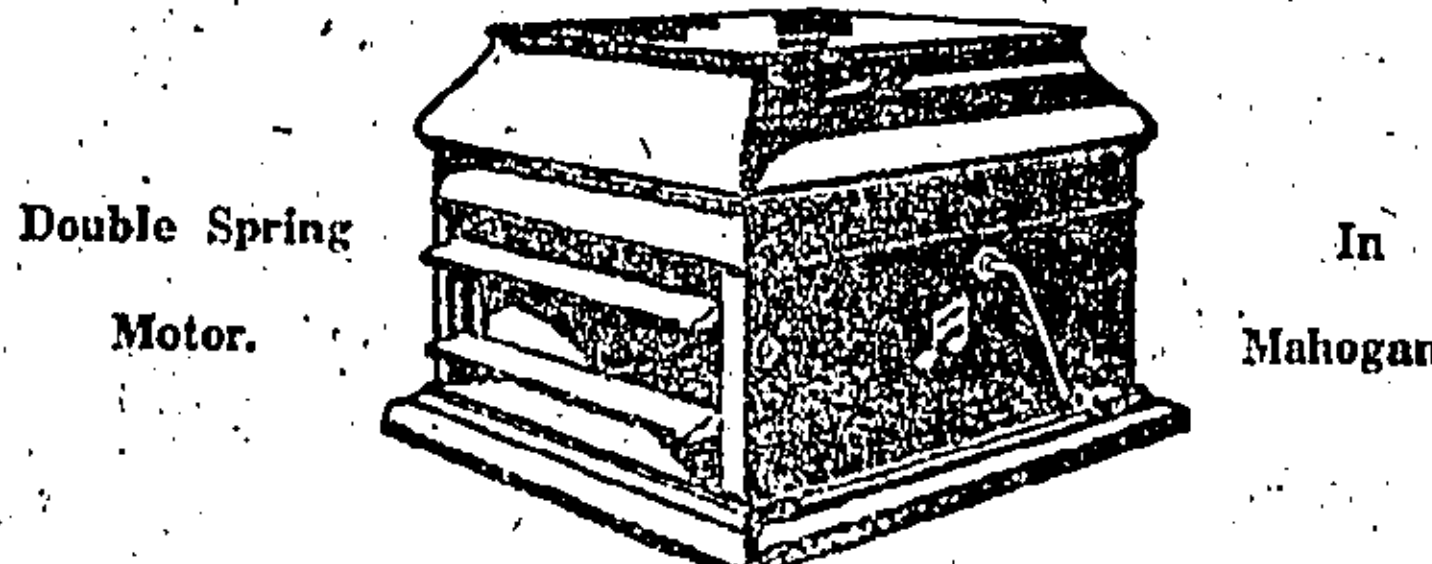
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ART AWARDS

"VARSITY PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION"

"NOT SO 'AMATEURISH'"

Awards in the exhibition of the University Amateur Photographic Club, held last week in the Union, were distributed yesterday by Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., Vice-Chancellor.

Dr. M. B. Osman, chairman, said that he was not the President; Mr. A. A. Rumjahn was the president but because Mr. Rumjahn had presented the gold medal for the best picture of the competition, he would not make a speech.

It was at first thought that the exhibition would be a "snapshot" affair, but it was not so "amateurish" after all, Dr. Osman added.

Young and ambitious members had asked him to say that they needed a darkroom, preferably in the University, but that rested with the Vice-Chancellor.

Dr. Herklotz, reader in Biology, had offered three medals for the best zoological and botanical pictures.

In conclusion, Dr. Osman thanked the prize donors; Mr. Yung and Mr. Dragon for their assistance; the Press for publicity; and the judges, Mr. Hornell, Mr. Sameda and Mr. C. Schroter.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the exhibition had been an admirable effort, and congratulated those taking part. Most of the exhibits showed there was real appreciation of the beauties of this wonderful island. Hong Kong was a really beautiful place.

The Awards

Advanced Section.—Best picture of the competition ("The Sentinels"), Mr. P. Dragon (awarded gold medal).

Pictorial Group—"Water—the Poetry of Nature" (Dr. M. B. Osman); "Even Song" (Mr. A. A. Rumjahn); "A. Moonlit Scene" (Mr. Khoo Keng-tay); "Out for a swim" (Mr. Tan Wee-han); "Chancery Lane" (Mr. A. A. Rumjahn); "A dull day" (Mr. Khoo Keng-wah)—all received medals.

Portraiture.—"Isabelle" (Mr. P. Dragon)—medal awarded.

The following received honourable mention:—"Winter Noon" (Dr. Li Sung); "Nymph" (Dr. Li Sung); "Lamp Cleaner" (Dr. Li Sung); "Tranquillity" (Mr. Alfred Lock); "Sunrise in Macao" (Mr. Chan Wai-hai); "Roofs" (Mr. Poon Lien-chen); "Design" (Mr. J. Kotewall); "Beach Curves" (Mr. J. Kotewall); "Morning Haze" (Mr. Khoo Keng-wah); "Neath Summer Skies" (Mr. Khoo Keng-wah); "Bridge of Sighs" (Dr. M. B. Osman); "Homeward" (Dr. M. B. Osman); "The Vigil" (Mr. P. Dragon); "On the shores of Aberdeen" (Mr. P. Dragon); "The Alley" (Mr. P. Dragon); "Acting sentinel" (Mr. A. A. Rumjahn); "In quest of?" (Mr. Khoo Keng-tay); "Spring time" (Mr. K. A. Ng); "The Ebbing Tide" (Mr. Tan Wee-han).

Junior Section.—1. No title (Mr. V. Enock); 2. "Twilight" (Mr. Choa Mun-chew); 3. "My Pet" (Mr. Foo Eng-kheng).

IN THE RING

WILL CARPENTIER COME BACK?

[By Eugene Corrie.]

In the matter of Georges Carpentier I can only repeat that, when I saw him at the National Sporting Club a little more than a week ago, he ridiculed the idea of attempting a come-back by fighting Phil Scott. This I say in response to many inquiries as to whether there is any likelihood of the Frenchman taking the ring again.

I see that Carpentier has stated that, if there were a regular offer and he felt that he could not refuse it, he would not mind fighting the British champion. But I am not for taking a match between the two seriously.

I can understand the point of view of a would-be promoter, for there is little doubt that such a bout would in all probability yield a handsome profit, but to me there is more than the money side of such an affair to be considered. First and foremost it must be asked whether such a fight would do any sort of good to the sport of boxing? Secondly, would such a match enhance the reputation of Scott, even though he were to knock the Frenchman out?

The answer to each question must be in the negative. Suppose Carpentier and Scott were put into the ring, and Scott were to be the loser, what on earth could be thought of him? Surely he would then be written down as an impossible British champion. For all practical purposes his ring career would be closed. For, despite the assurance, both ocular and verbal, that we have had that Carpentier is in splendid shape, we have the fact that for years he has lived the life of a retired fighter.

An Impossible Feat? He would have proved himself to be a wonder of wonders if, after all this long time, he were to come back, and box or fight in anything like the way he used to do. Resurrections I was never in favour of, and I cannot but feel that Carpentier, who is making big money as a vaudeville star, would be ill advised to attempt to fight again, though he might receive goodness knows how many thousands of pounds for so doing. I am curious to know what Phil Scott thinks about it all.

The bare suggestion that a retired Carpentier would be a match for him is, to say the least, no compliment to him, or any testimonial to his fighting worth. Scott must of course, be found work, but surely there are other pebbles on the beach besides Carpentier. The Frenchman should be allowed to confine himself to the new life upon which he has embarked.

I was at the National Sporting Club at the beginning of the week to give a hand with the refereeing but I was not in the chair when Frank Ogden, a stocky young fellow of Manchester, got into the ring to have a fifteen rounder with Fred Dyer's Enzo Fiermonte, the Italian middle-weight. C. H. Douglas was in charge, and he in the seventh round disqualified Fiermonte for the persistent use of the open glove.

If I had been the presiding official, I should have done exactly what Mr. Douglas was constrained to do. We all felt sorry for the Italian, none more so than the referee, I am sure, but there was nothing for it but rule him out.

Felt Sore Fiermonte, no doubt, felt decidedly sore when he realised that he had lost a contest that I am sure he decided he was winning all ends up. But on reflection he will see that Mr. Douglas did him a good turn, inasmuch that, unless he learns to hit correctly and in a strictly legal fashion, he will take on a heap of trouble. If Fiermonte had known the first thing about punching—the punching that is

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WHAT A CHINESE DETECTIVE DID

THE ELUSIVE CHAN

Further evidence was taken by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, in the case in which a number of Chinese men and women are charged with conspiracy and other offences in connection with the recent discovery of a large quantity of forged \$50 (1923 issue) banknotes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which all the accused were alleged to have attempted to utter in Hong Kong. After the arrest of the accused, two of their number led police investigators to Jardine's bazaar and pointed out the hiding place of 40 of the forged notes wrapped in Chinese newspaper and tucked underneath a pile of wood, on a piece of ground where a building is in the course of construction.

The first five accused were represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby, whilst Mr. Leo d'Almada, senior, appeared for the eighth man, Mr. C. E. L. Grist who originally appeared for another of the men (No. 12 accused) reported to the Magistrate that he had received no further instructions.

Detective's Evidence

Yesterday evidence was completed by a Chinese detective who took a leading part in the trapping of the accused by acting as a prospective buyer of the forged notes at half price, namely, \$25 for each forged \$50 note. This witness first got into touch with No. 1 accused and was later introduced to a man named Chan Wing, an elusive person who was stated to have been the prime mover in the conspiracy to "flood" the local "market" with the forged notes. He was alleged to have stated that he could deliver \$250,000 worth of the counterfeits.

The detective arranged to purchase forged notes to the face value of \$4,000 and agreed to pay \$2,000. The interview with Chan Wing took place at No. 114, Des Voeux-road Central. On the eve of the day fixed for the handing over of the forged notes, however, Chan Wing got "wind" of police watching the place and escaped. Although the police promptly undertook the raiding of three houses known to be frequented by Chan Wing, including his living room at Jardine's bazaar, he was not captured.

In the raid the police seized a printing press, plates containing engravings of Central Bank of China notes, paper, etc.

The case was again adjourned.

A SINGER'S DEATH-PRAYER

Twenty years ago the world knew Mme. Phadrig Agon, opera star. America, Germany, Italy paid her homage.

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She pawned her fur coat to pay for a room in a Chicago hotel and to buy a bottle of poison. During the night she took the poison. Next they found her dead; by her side was a sheet of paper on which she had written "May my blood be upon America."

BOGEY POOL GOLF

There were 28 entries for the Bogey Pool at Fanning over the week-end. E. P. Fletcher won with a card of 3 up. Other scores were D. M. Goodall, 1 up; N. L. Smith, 3 down; A. Webster, 5 down.

done with the closed fist—he must have knocked out Ogden, hard and dour and most workman-like though the Mancunian was.

The Italian has every quality a fighter may have except the knowledge and ability to punch with a shut glove. He has speed in abundance, he strikes a rare fighting attitude, he generally made the most of his uncommon reach, and, save from his offences against the rules in the way of hitting, he was as handsome as a queen. I have seldom happened upon a more imposing, a more striking figure. He is as good-looking as Carpentier was when the Frenchman first came amongst us. Altogether spectacular is Fiermonte.

Fred Dyer, who looks after the Italian, has such a wide knowledge of the art of boxing that he, just as surely as any other teacher, should be able to cure what is an unpardonable fault in the fighting of Fiermonte. If I were Dyer I should not allow the boy to fight again until I was sure that he had been cured of punching with a wide open glove. It is expressly laid down in the N. S. C. conditions that hitting with the open glove is not permissible, and that the penalty is disqualification. Three times at least was Fiermonte warned, and I daresay that he could not do what he should have done, and what he must do in his future contests. Sports Dis-

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Sport Columns

MONEY GOLF

A WIN FOR TOMMY ARMOUR

ENGLISHMAN THIRD

New York, Yesterday. Tommy Armour (Washington) won the \$2,700 Sacramento open golf championship with a score of 289 for 72 holes. The Englishman, Harry Cotton, was third with 295. —Reuter's American Service.

THE GOLF CLUB

CAPTAIN REVIEWS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

COURSE IMPROVEMENTS

Despite a reduction in profits, a satisfactory year's working was reported at the annual general meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, held yesterday in the club's board room, the hon. Mr. R. Hallifax (captain), presiding. The report was passed unanimously and in the course of his speech the chairman touched on many matters of interest to local golfers.

In addition to the captain, the following committee members were present:—Col. A. D. Matthews (Secretary), Messrs. L. S. Greenhill, J. W. Franks, A. B. Stewart, L. G. S. Dodwell, K. S. Morrison, J. D. Kinnaird, C. B. Lambert and C. L. Sandes as well as around 50 club members.

The new committee was elected as follows:—Messrs. L. S. Greenhill (Captain), L. R. Andrewes, Edgar Davidson, H. D. Ireland, J. D. Kinnaird, K. S. Morrison, C. L. Sandes, H. G. Sheldon, N. L. Smith, G. E. Towne. Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth Fleming were re-elected auditors.

The chairman, in stating that the profits had fallen from \$7,477.69 to \$4,306.05, pointed out that very heavy additional expenses had to be borne during 1928, and mentioned that after their impending leave Mr. and Mrs. Kerr were coming back, he was glad to say, for another three years.

The Courses

The hon. Mr. Hallifax then referred to improvements to the Club courses. Happy Valley had given satisfaction and the re-establishment of a club-house there was a question left to the incoming committee.

Deep Water Bay course would have to stay as it was so far as extension was concerned; it was a very useful—and profitable—"picnic-course." Improvements to the Club-house had been made.

Both Mrs. and Mr. Kerr were complimented by the chairman in regard to the arrangements and course at Fanling.

Improvements

"There have been," continued Mr. Hallifax, "also a number of more or less important improvements made on the course itself which it is unnecessary to detail and at the same time the Committee have taken in hand expenditure which, while not directly connected with golf, undoubtedly adds to the comfort and safety of the members. In this category are the new septic tank, Men's Club house, and new dressing room and lavatory, Ladies' Club, the widening of the road from the cross roads to the Club house (of which only the part from the junction with the Ladies' Club house onwards was the business of the Club) and the construction of a new road to the Ladies' Club house which will make it possible for motor cars or rickshaws to go to the door. All this new construction will need treatment with tar before it can be called satisfactory, as anyone who experienced the clouds of dust left behind buses and motor cars during the recent dry spell can no doubt testify. The Government has undertaken the work for the public part of the road and while

doing so, they will be approached to deal with the private Club roads at the same time, but of course at our expense.

Waiting List

Other points touched upon by the chairman were:—

A full length new Course will enable us to meet one of the difficulties that the Club will surely have to face in the near future and that is the question of a waiting list. We are overcrowded on the Old Course on busy days but it is not impossible to believe that we may have absorbed practically all those in the Colony who are eligible as members of the Club. If we construct the new course in such a way that it provides a good day's golf and loses the character which the second nine holes have been inclined to give it of some-

Tom Heeney



Tom Heeney, the heavyweight boxer, after his return with his bride to New Zealand.

thing of a toy course, it may be possible to make a waiting list in the form of exclusion only from the old course on busy days. Golf having become the standard form of recreation for Sundays and holidays in Hong Kong, our object therefore should be, to have no waiting list of the nature which means "you must not play at all on certain days."

First among those for whom we ought to cater, I put the younger generation—the new arrivals from home.

Fourball Matches

Before I leave the question of the accommodation at Fanling for players the Committee wish to draw attention to one matter. Four balls must be catered for but it is only too common to see players in such a match laboriously struggling along, strokes and strokes behind when the hole has long been lost. Further when a ball is put into the rough it is not uncommon to see even all the other three players and all their caddies looking for it. A lost ball in a four-ball match should be the funeral of the individual player alone.

Extra Subscription

If members approve of the conduct of the Club affairs by the Committee during this past year, they will I think be prepared to continue the extra subscription of \$2 which was originally instituted as a war matter. That subscription means more than \$1,200 a month and as our net profit for the year is under \$5,000 it will be seen that a reduction of the subscription from \$7 to \$5 will mean at once that we must draw in our horns and that we cannot continue even on the present scale.

A New Club House

Any thought of building a new and expensive Club House at Fanling which many members are anxious to see would have definitely

to be abandoned for the time. The Committee ask members to agree to a continuation of the extra \$2 subscription for another two years.

H.E. Mr. J. L. Humphreys We have to thank His Excellency, Mr. J. L. Humphreys, Governor of B.N. Borneo for two cups to be played for in foursomes. A very fine and enthusiastic golfer, Mr. Humphreys gave us valuable advice in matters connected with the Club—principally bunkers.

Each year it is our lot to record the death of members of the Club and since our last General Meeting the names of Mr. R. J. Blrbeck, Mr. L. F. Townsend (Senior) and Mr. M. R. Dickson have to be added to the list.

A Professional The Committee wishes me to bring to the notice of members the presence in the Colony of a professional of very high reputation and qualifications. Mr. Smith is here only for the winter months and his experience will constitute a valuable guide to future Committees in considering the difficult question of engaging our own Pro. We all want to engage one but have hitherto had no means of knowing what the enterprise would mean to the Club financially.

CHARITY SOCCER

ROYAL NAVY-ARMY MATCH TO-DAY

The Annual Charity Football Match, The Royal Navy v. The Army, will be played at Hong Kong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, to-day. Kick-off at 4 p.m. The Army will field the team which defeated the Chinese in the Final of the Lai Wah Cup Competition on Saturday.

By kind permission of the Officer Commanding, the Pipes and Drums of 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B. and the Band of 1st Bn. Beds. and Herts. Regt., will play from 3.15 p.m.

The proceeds of the match will be devoted to Naval and Army charities. The match ball has been kindly presented by the Hong Kong Football Association and will be raffled after the game.

The referee will be Mr. W. E. Hollands.

TENNIS

FINAL OF LADIES' SINGLES

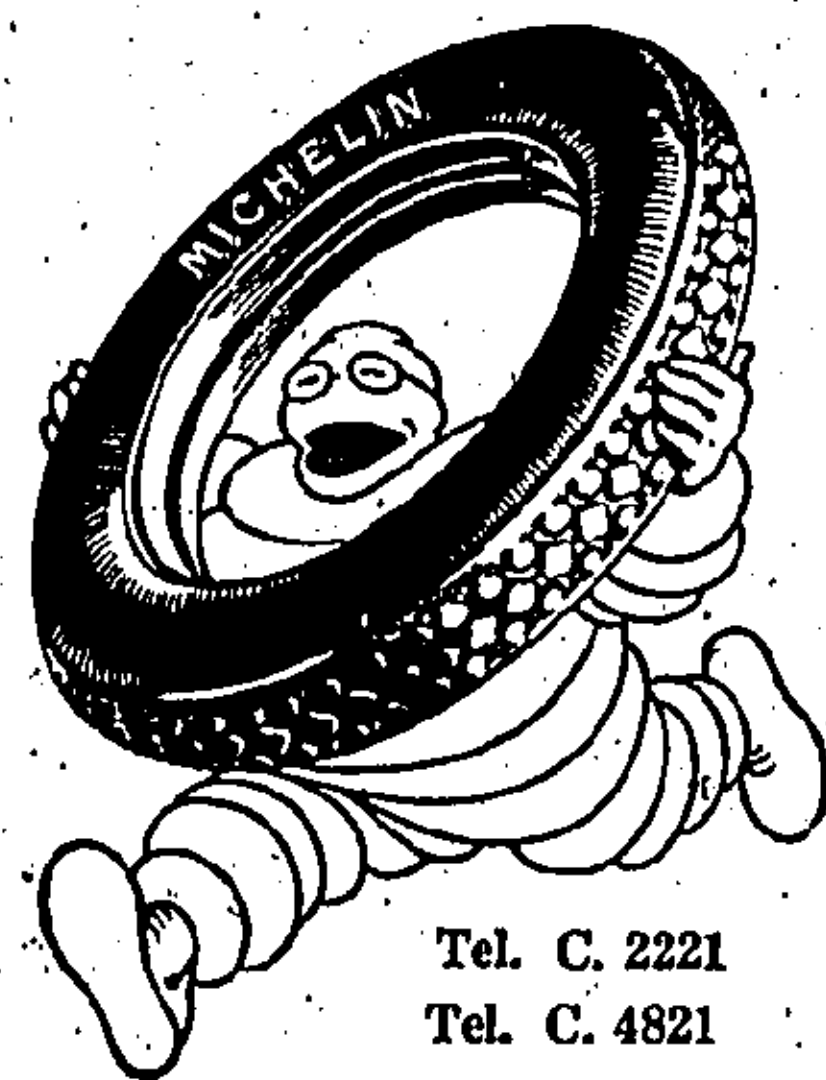
The final of the ladies' championship singles of the Colony will be played at the Ladies' Recreation Club on Thursday, commencing at 3.30 p.m. The finalists are Mrs. R. E. Tottenham (holder) and Miss Enid Lo.

The results of the previous rounds were as follows:

First Round.—Mrs. Tottenham beat Mrs. Sayer, Miss Heard beat Mrs. Davenport Brown, Mrs. Grigor beat Mrs. Miles, Mrs. James beat Mrs. Lissaman, Mrs. D. Smith beat Mrs. J. Howe, Mrs. Blaker received a walk over from Mrs. Grove, Miss Lo beat Mrs. Gull, Mrs. Womack beat Miss E. Taylor.

Second Round.—Mrs. Tottenham beat Miss Heard, Mrs. James beat Mrs. Grigor, Mrs. Smith beat Mrs. Blaker, Miss Lo beat Mrs. Womack.

Semi-Finals.—Mrs. Tottenham beat Mrs. James 6-0, 6-1; Miss Lo beat Mrs. Smith 10-8, 6-3.



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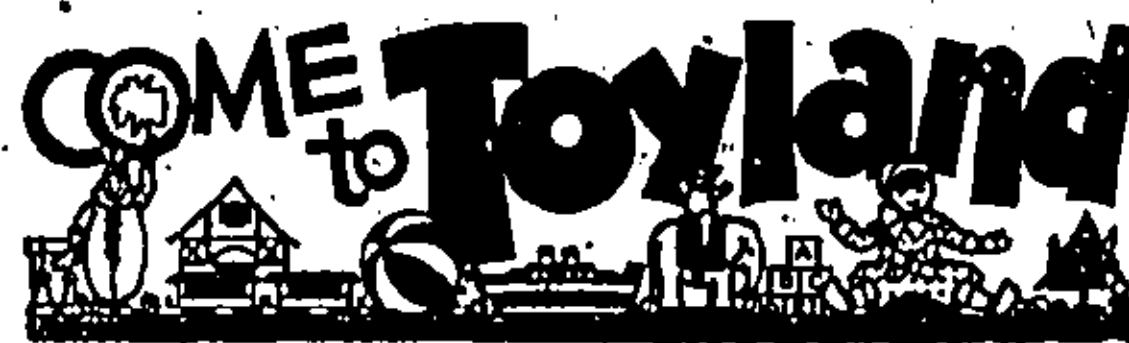
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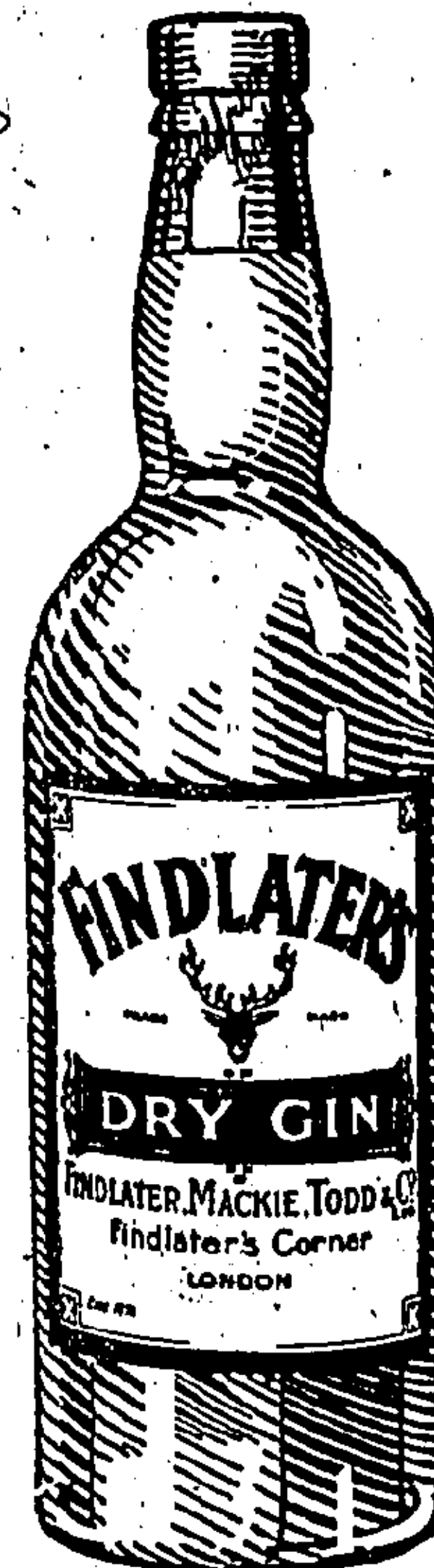
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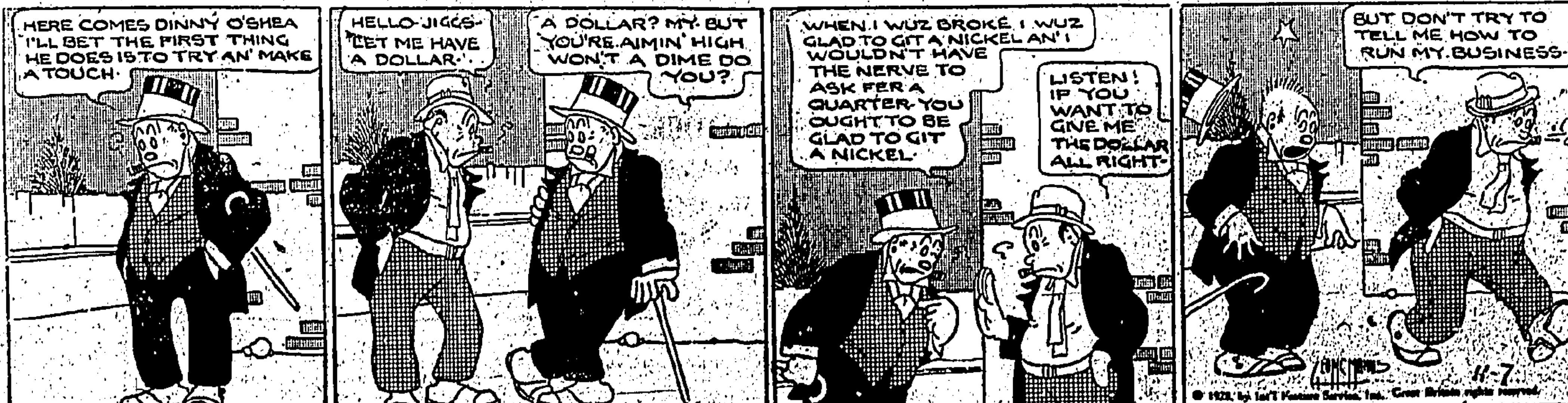
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BRINGING UP FATHER.



WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Japanese Passengers on the "Vestris"



Major Yashio Inouye of the Japanese Army and Mrs. Inouye, who were passengers aboard the ill-fated liner "Vestris" en route from New York to South America.

Lady Diplomat



Dr. (Miss) Soume Tchong, the lady diplomat, who has been appointed Chinese Minister to France. She is a member of the French Legion of Honour and for a number of years has played a prominent part in the politics of her country.

To Wed Again



Here is the first photo of Lady Northesk, following the granting of her divorce from Lord Northesk in Edinburgh, showing her with Mr. Vivian Cornelius of Witleham, Surrey, her fiancé. Lady Northesk is the former Jessica Brown who left a Follies career for a place in British society.

Wants Her Citizenship Restored



Princess Sidi Chakir, formerly Mrs. Sidi Wirt Spreckels, of San Francisco, whose oriental husband, Prince Fuad Bey Chakir, son of Turkey's last sultan, divorced her in April, has now applied to an American Court for restoration of her American citizenship. Inset, an artist's conception of the noble Turk in one of his rages.

King of Spain



A recent snapshot of King Alfonso of Spain.

New French Minister



M. Knight, the new French Minister to Canada, who has just been appointed.

Swedish "Ace"



The popular Swedish "ace," Captain Ahrenberg, who has been planning a long-distance flight.

Mary Pickford's Sister Robbed?



A harrowing tale of being kidnapped by four gunmen, after Jack Daugherty, her escort from a Hollywood party, was knocked unconscious, was told by Lottie Pickford (above). A chivalrous Mexican bandit released her when she spoke his language, she told the police. Detectives, however, failed to find the spot to which Lottie was taken and robbed of her valuables.

New Effect in Transparent Velvet



Something unusual has been achieved by the dressmaker in this white transparent velvet gown cut with a circular skirt and trimmed in bands and tassels of glittering fringe. The garment is distinctly "older" yet it retains the graceful lines which have characterized the so-called slenderizing creations. Notice the longer skirt.

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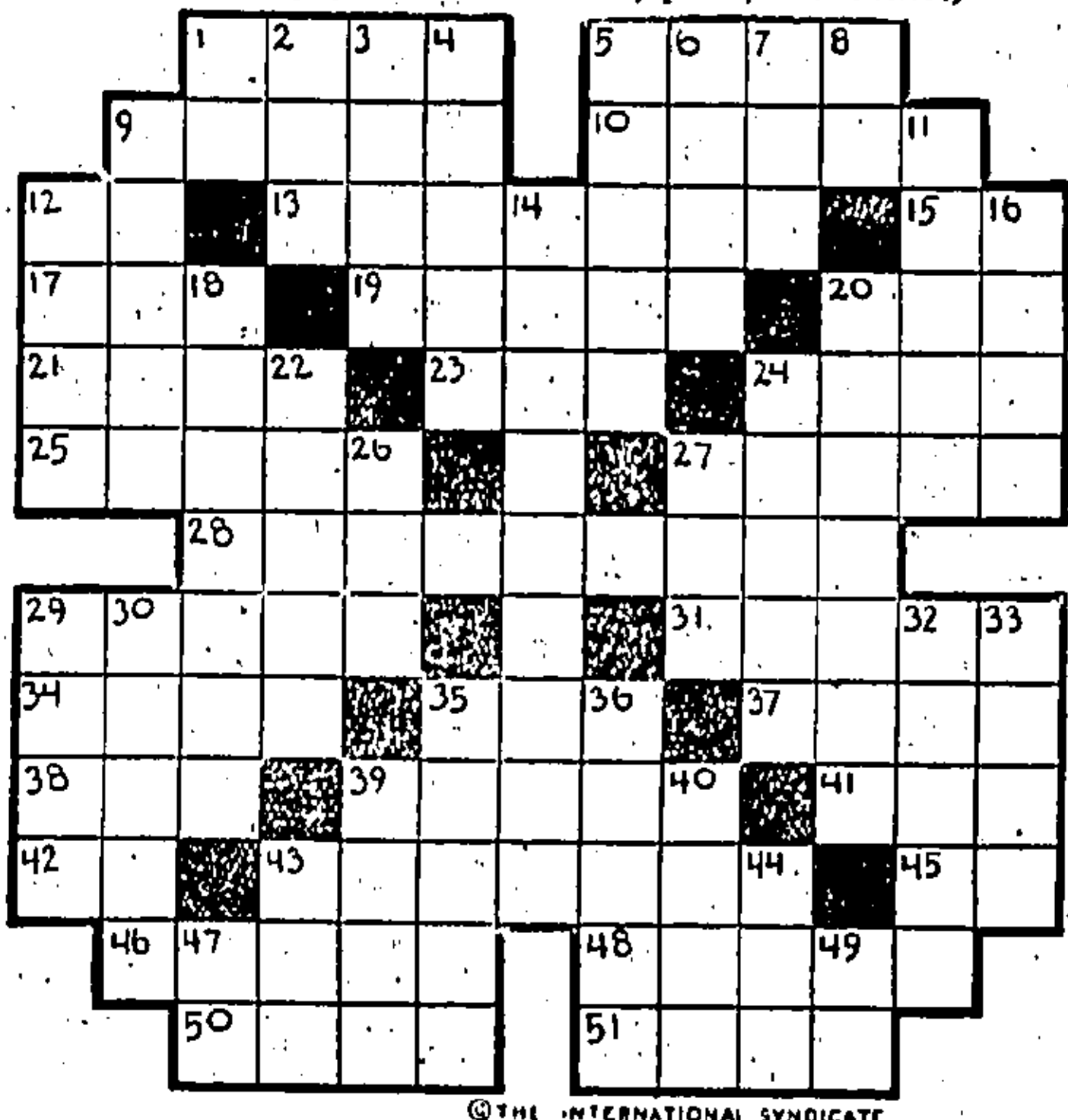
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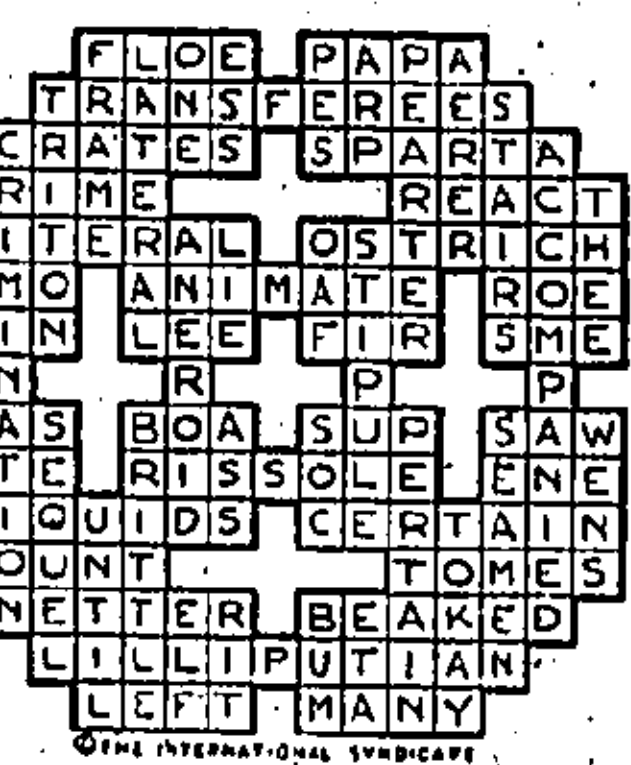
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**
- Damage
 - Exclamation of unhappiness
 - Denish islands near Iceland
 - Western horse-show
 - Greek maiden (Class. Myth.)
 - Islands in Atlantic
 - Prefix meaning "again"
 - Food chewed by a cow
 - Devil
 - Invite
 - A lady of King Arthur's court
 - Any center of a system of worlds
 - Chastise
 - Deplete
 - Dull, monotonous tone
 - Altitude of a star above horizon
 - Places for safe storage of papers
 - Contests of South America
- VERTICAL**
- Exclamation
 - Fit one's self with weapons
 - Pull away
 - Ancient Aryan race
 - Greek musician who charmed dolphins
 - Foraken
 - Girl's name
 - Point of compass (abbr.)
 - Original source
 - Greek hunter killed by Diana
 - Frozen dainties
 - Rivalry
 - Border
 - Dismal
 - Fair women
 - Glens
 - Leaf of a palm
 - Affirmative answer
 - Prefix meaning "through"
 - A track
 - Forward
 - Choose
 - Strip of wood
 - Completely
 - Brittle
 - Impel
 - Ground corn
 - Scotch for small law
 - Be maintainable at law
 - Ejaculation
 - A continent (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

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Mt. Parker	1734
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The Eyrie	1725
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Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
Tsimshian	3124
Mainland.	Feet.
Tsimshian	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

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TO-DAY'S RADIO

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8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme (Victor and H.M.V. Records).

Celebrity Programme

"Grand Choeur in C Major."

"Spring Song."

Reginald Goss Oustard F.R.C.O.

"Pagliacci," Prologue.

Peter Dawson.

Covent Garden Orchestra.

"The Blue Mazurka," Vocal Gems.

"The Desert Song," Vocal Gems.

Light Opera Company.

"L'Arlesienne," (a) Farandole

(b) Adagio

Covent Garden Orchestra.

"Oh Kay," Vocal Gems.

The Revellers.

"Honeymoon Lane," Vocal Gems.

Light Opera Company.

"Imperial March."

"Cantilene Nuptiale,"

Oran solo by Stanley Roger.

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"At Parting,"

"At Dawning,"

Mary Garden.

"Morning Meditation,"

"The Charm,"

Emilio De Gogorza.

"Annie Laurie,"

"Long, Long Ago,"

Hulda Lashanska.

"My Old Love,"

"Roselinda,"

Tito Schipa.

"Songs My Mother Taught Me,"

"Since First I Met Thee,"

Rosa Ponselle.

"Oh Promise Me,"

"Love's Garden of Roses,"

Renee Chemet.

"No Night There,"

"In The Garden,"

Marion Talley.

"Dance of the Gnomes,"

"Etude Tableaux,"

Sergei Rachmaninoff.

"Lucia Di Lammermoor,"

Mad Scene. Toti Dal Monte.

10 p.m.—British Official Wireless Press.

"Pomp and Circumstance," March.

"Largo,"

Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

"Wine, Woman and Song," Waltz.

"Southern Roses," Waltz.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

"Lucia Di Lammermoor," Silence

O'er All.

"Daughter of the Regiment," 'Tis

Time to Part.

Toti Dal Monte.

"Waltz in E Flat,"

"To My Beloved,"

Piano Solo by Harold Bauer.

"My Old Kentucky Home,"

"Carry Me Back to Old Virginia,"

Rosa Ponselle.

"Danse Macabre,"

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

God Save The King.

THE LOUD SPEAKER

(By Ultimax)

There is no such thing as the perfect loud speaker, any more than there is a perfect human being. Over forty years ago, Alfred Graham (an Englishman) invented and demonstrated the first practical loud speaker, and this particular type was used in the British Navy in 1894, seven years later. Actually the first speaker was developed from the telephone ear-piece by placing a conical horn in front of the diaphragm, and an illustration of a loud speaker sale in 1920, as far as outward appearance goes, is exactly similar to the horn loud speaker we know to-day. This, of course, was before official broadcasting started in November, 1922, and ever since that time radio engineers have been devoting a good deal of attention towards the improvement of the instrument.

Any loud speaker functions in two distinct ways. First, it must take the electrical impulses delivered to it by the power valve and convert them into mechanical motion, then this motion be transformed into air waves. Neither the acoustic nor the electrical system can be designed separately, they must be developed together and the important point is to ensure that the forces acting on the diaphragm faithfully reproduce in air waves the variations in current that are passed on by the set. The modern loud speaker can be relied upon to reproduce what is put into it, and if the amplifying part of the receiver is badly designed, we cannot expect the loud speaker to perform miracles and transform bad quality into good.

One of the most popular concep-

tions in wireless is to give all the praise to the loud speaker, if a reproduction of exceptional quality is heard. We all know the type. Mrs. Smith-Jones drops in to tea and when the set is switched on what does she say? "Oh, my dear, what a heavenly loud speaker. Do tell me the name. I must get John to buy one. Ours is perfectly awful!" Those who take an intelligent interest in the matter know that the receiver is the all-important link in the chain. There are good and bad loud speakers, of course, but the audible difference cannot bear comparison between a well-designed set and its antithesis struggling to get the last ounce of volume by the aid of reaction. And the more efficient and faithful reproducer we employ, the more it will show up any deficiencies in the set.

Loud-Speaker Types
 The commonest speaker in use to-day is the horn type—a combination of permanent magnet, drop diaphragm and unit, with a conical horn—usually from two to three feet in length. This has almost every possible fault. The magnets are usually too small; the diaphragm, acting as a spring, has a period or frequency of its own, and frequency distortion is bound to be present. The short horn "cuts off" all the lower frequencies. In spite of these defects, it still commands a ready sale, for it has the advantage of being cheap, very sensitive, and also tends to cover up distortion due to overloading the power valve.

An entirely different design is the cone speaker, and the latest manufactured models employ a permanent magnet and balanced armature connected by a rod to the centre of a conical diaphragm generally made of non-hygroscopic material, which will resist changes in shape or stiffness due to moisture in the atmosphere. The frequency response of this type is superior to the horn speaker, but they generally require slightly more power for efficient working. Using a modern balanced armature cone unit, there is a vast field for exercising one's ingenuity in designing the diaphragm, and readers may be interested in a description of an unconventional speaker we have had in constant use since the beginning of the year.

Construction
 This is not difficult. First of all, we require a stout framework of at least 1 in. x 1 in. timber, and the actual dimensions of the speaker used can be varied within wide limits. We next require a large sheet of stiff drawing paper; the best size was found to be 24 in. x 18 in. This is folded in two, pressing the fold well down, and the exact centre point of this fold is connected to the read of the unit. The edges of the paper are attached to the side of the frame-work by drawing pins or tacks.

Preparing the Cone Unit.
 The conical washer usually supplied with the unit is fixed tightly on the rod, and a cork (from an empty whisky bottle) was drilled with a tiny hole, pushed on to the rod, and finally fixed with secotone in the washer. Before completing this operation, an incision to a depth of about 1/4 in. was made with a knife in the other end of the cork. It is then necessary to construct an auxiliary frame at the back to house the cone unit, and the exact position of the supports will obviously depend on the particular unit employed. The folded edge of the diaphragm should be a tight fit in the cork, and it is important that the ends of the paper should not touch the bottom and top arms of the framework. We have an open mind regarding the performance of this unconventional speaker, when it was first constructed, but we only know the ordinary person who hears it declares the quality and intimate reproduction are extraordinary.

INNOVATION BY THE B.B.C.

"Listening to the transmission radiated from the short-wave station of the British Broadcasting Corporation at Chelmsford, Essex, England, writes a Singapore correspondent. "I heard the programme from the London station which came through at its usual good strength. As all listeners know, however, the 'piece de resistance' is the striking of Big Ben at midnight, and after this had duly been heard, and my watch adjusted accordingly, I waited for the 'Good-Night, everybody, Good-Night,' from the announcer at 5 SW. Instead of this announcement, I was agreeably surprised to hear the announcer say that a special transmission of gramophone records would be given from then, to midnight. (British Summer Time), until 2 a.m."

"No self-respecting listener could possibly afford to miss this unusual opportunity, and the results on the whole, were amazingly good, and thoroughly compensated one for the slight delay involved in one's early morning arrangements. The volume actually appeared to increase until

S.O.S. DROWNED

WHAT BROADCASTING DID

The Board of Trade last month held an inquiry into the loss of the str. "Carmarthenshire" by fire in the Thames on July 7. The "Carmarthenshire" was outward bound from London to the Far East with 11 passengers, a crew of 85, and cargo under charter by the Glen Line. Shortly after she left the docks a fire broke out in the stokehold, and was only extinguished after the ship had been beached at Erith. She was burning coal under three boilers and oil under the fourth, and it was stated that the question which was concerning the Board of Trade was whether the burning of oil and coal in a common stokehold such as the "Carmarthenshire" had been dangerous. After the fire one of the oil-fed pipes was found to be broken and defective.

William Henry Baker, master of the "Carmarthenshire," said that he had had 30 years' experience at sea. He described the fire as "ferocious" and said it spread very rapidly. Everything was done that could be done to extinguish it.

Mr. A. T. Bucknill (for the Board of Trade): If this fire had happened at sea would there have been time to get the boats away with the crew and passengers?—Yes, I think so.

Would there have been any chance of extinguishing the fire?—None whatever.—The captain added that the vessel was exceedingly well equipped with fire-fighting appliances.

Statements that the S.O.S. calls sent out from the burning ship were drowned by broadcasting programmes were contained in the wireless operator's log, which was quoted by Mr. A. T. Bucknill. The log stated:—

3.20 (G. M. T.): Instructed by captain to send S.O.S. Call Ship on fire off Long Reach. Require assistance.

3.26: Call repeated.

3.30: Call repeated.

No reply received, stations working, but signals drowned by strong broadcasting programme.

3.30 till 4.16: Call continuously repeated per captain's orders. No response whatever, though stations working but difficult to read. Signals completely drowned by broadcasting nearly all the while.

4.30: Call per captain's orders; broadcast continuously.

5.00: No response received, broadcasting completely drowning signals except for short intervals.

Owners Not Responsible

Mr. J. A. R. Cairns, in giving judgment, said that the Court found that the fire was caused by oil leakage at the ground bushing of the burner attached to the starboard lower furnace of the after-port boiler, probably due to the slacking of the housing screw, and that the seriousness of the fire was aggravated by leakage from a defective junction pipe leading to the burners. Responsibility for the fire did not rest with the Glen Line, nor with any of the parties cited in the inquiry, and no issue arose as to any certificates.

In their answers to specific questions submitted by the Board of Trade, the Court considered that the fire would have occurred had oil fuel alone been used in all the furnaces, but that it would not have occurred had coal alone been used. They considered that the risk of fire was greater when both coal and oil-burning furnaces were used at the same time in a common stokehold than when oil fuel was used alone in an oil-tight compartment from which coal ashes, firing tools, and naked lights had been excluded.

approximately 7.20 a.m. Singapore Time, after which the programme slowly became weaker until at 8 a.m. when the transmission finally ceased, the volume was very much less than is usually the case.

"But it was an unforgettable experience to sit down to breakfast in this country, and to be entertained to a delightful musical programme from the Mother Country, not far short of 8,000 miles away. Distortion was entirely absent, though slight periodic fading was noticeable. Atmospherics at first were negligible, but towards the end of the programme were much more noticeable."

"One is delighted to see that the B.B.C. is experimenting along the lines advocated in one of the articles appearing in your paper a short while ago, for it is obvious that until successful daylight transmission becomes an accomplished fact, these broadcasts are bound to remain in the present experimental stage. One can only hope that transmission at other times during the day will take place in the near future."—Singapore Free Press."

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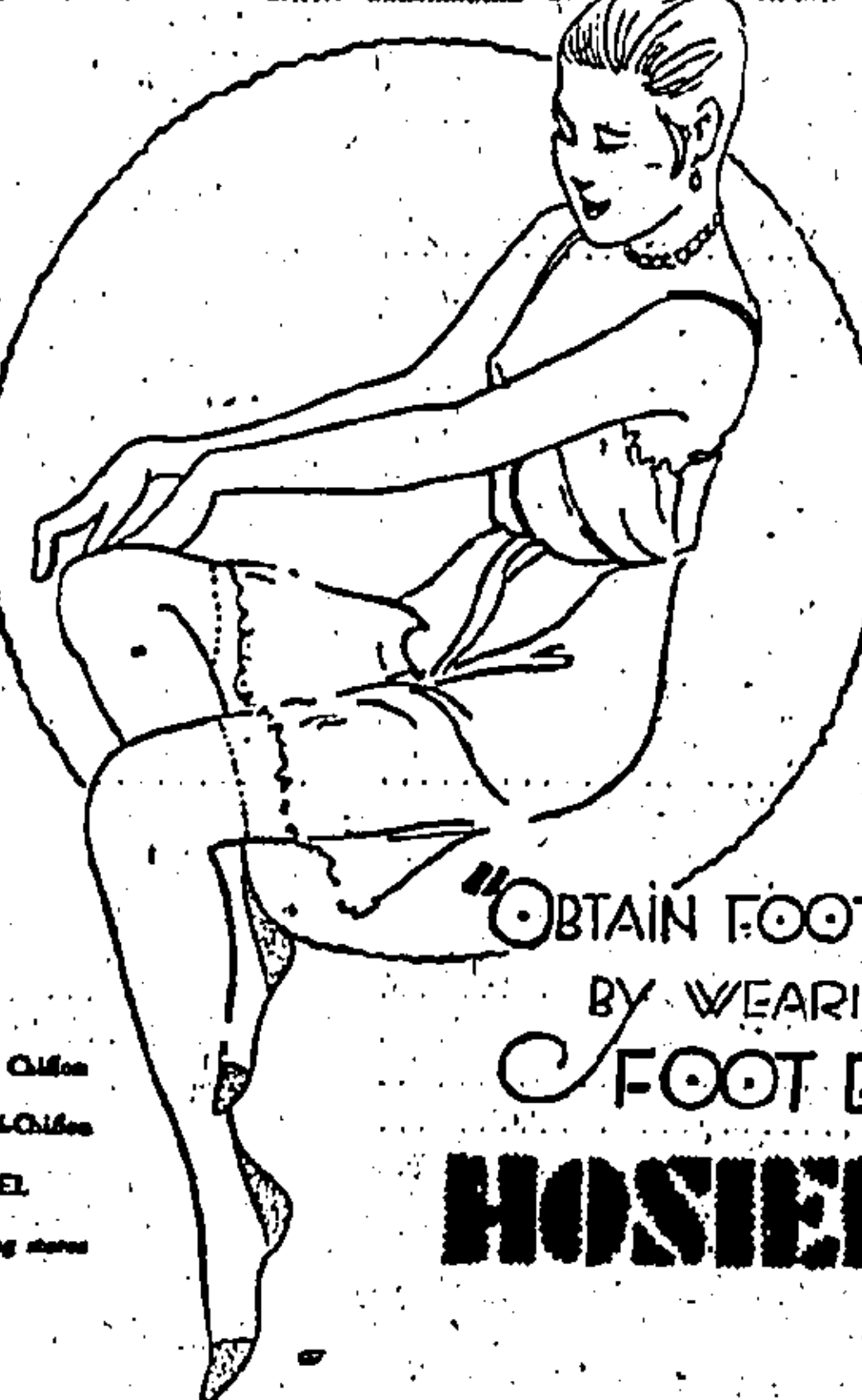
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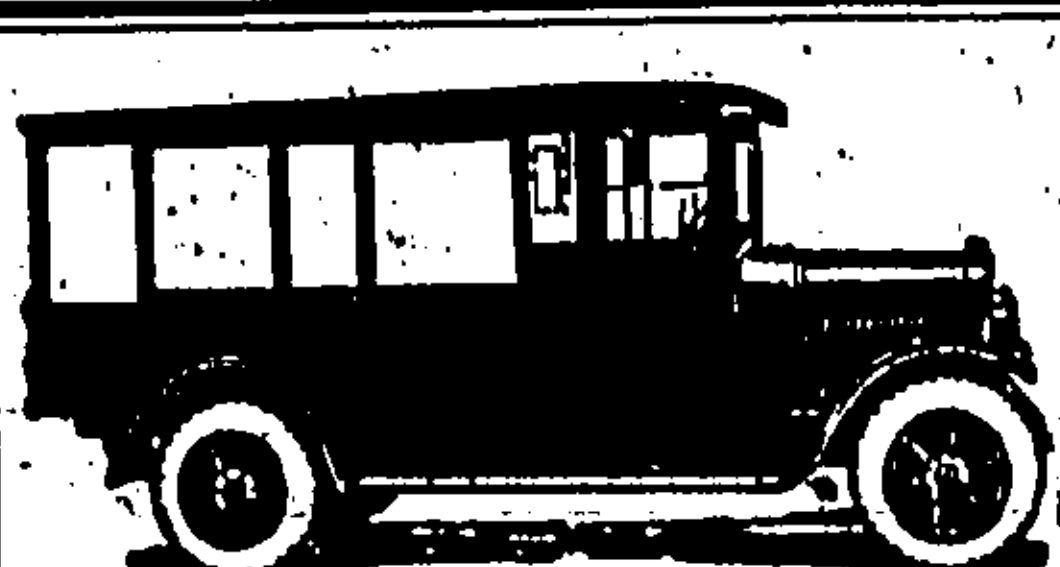
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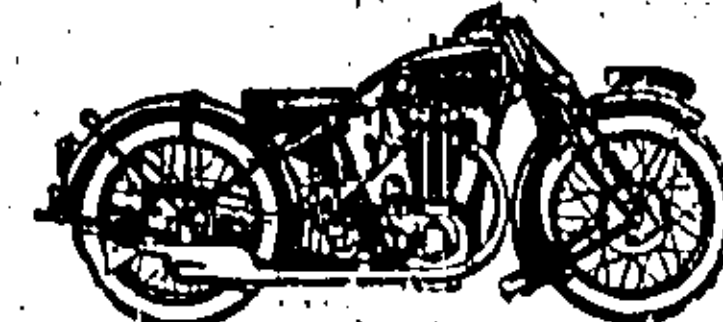


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Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		(London, 26th and 27th Nov.).....Porthos
Straits		Gazana
Saigon		Athos II.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19.		
Swatow		Van Heutz
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20.		
Australia and Manila		Aki Maru
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai		Empress of Asia
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.		
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai		President Jackson
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23.		
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers, London, 22nd Nov. and parcels, 15th Nov.)		Kalyan
Straits		Hakone Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.
Saigon		Telmachus 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow		Tai Ming 4.30 p.m.
Manila		President Pierce 4.30 p.m.
Japan		Athos II. 5 p.m.
Shanghai		Athos II. 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19.		
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong		Chusan 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 31st Dec. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.		
Holhow and Bangkok		Sado Maru 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		Hupei 1.30 p.m.
Manila and Java via Sourabaya		Tjileboet 2.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20.		
Fort Bayard		Song Bo 8.30 a.m.
Holhow and Haiphong		Menado Maru 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan		Hin Sang 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai		Ninghai 1.30 p.m.
Straits		Glauco 2.30 p.m.
Swatow		Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.		
Japan		Aki Maru 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Haiyang 1 p.m.
Amoy		Kiukiang 1.30 p.m.
Manila		Empress of Asia 8.30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22.		
Wei Hai Wei		Hulchow 2.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

BRITAIN & RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA

M.P.'s QUERY

STATEMENT BY SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN

M. LITVINOFF'S SPEECH

London, Yesterday.
Sir Austen Chamberlain, (Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs) stated in the House of Commons, in reply to a question, that the Government did not consider that M. Litvinoff's speech in Moscow on December 11 with regard to trading and diplomatic relations between Russia and other countries in any way altered the situation between this country and Russia.

In the Premier's speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet on November 9 last year, the conditions were set forth on which the Government would be ready to consider the question of resuming the relations with Russia, but those conditions had not yet been fulfilled.—British Wireless Service.

AFGHAN REVOLT

AMANULLAH AND HIS QUEEN TAKE REFUGE

KABUL ATTACKED

New Delhi, Yesterday.
Rebels are attacking Kabul and serious fighting has taken place.

Considerable anxiety is felt for the future.

It is reported from the frontier that King Amanullah and his Queen have taken refuge in a fort, the army having turned against them.

The rebels have captured two small forts, a number of rifles and a quantity of ammunition in the vicinity of Kabul, while at Jalalabad the Shinwaris and Khuglanis have ceased negotiations and have taken the field. They have captured an outpost at Kaja, inflicting casualties on regulars and irregular troops.

Villages Bombed.
Fighting with the Shinwari rebels round Jalalabad continues. Aeroplanes on Wednesday bombed the Shinwari villages, causing fifteen casualties. Rebels attempted to undermine the city wall at Jalalabad but were attacked by Mirzaman Khan, whose son was captured in this attack and subsequently shot.

The disturbances at Kabul and Jalalabad are apparently separate affairs. No letters have been exchanged between Kabul and India for a month, but the telegraph is still working.

Anxiety for Foreigners.
Considerable anxiety is felt here in regard to the position at Kabul and the safety of foreign representatives. A wireless message states that the Legations are safe, but the Turks and Russians are unpopular as they are considered to be the promoters of radical, anti-clerical and other reforms.

The Afghan Legation in London has not received any news from the Afghanistan Foreign Office, neither has anything been heard from Sir Francis Humphries on the subject of fighting at Kabul.—Reuter.

DEAD SEA SALTS

TURKISH SUBJECTS HAVE CONCESSION

BRITAIN'S STAND

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, Mr. L. M. S. Amery was asked about the nature of the claim regarding the Dead Sea salt concessions made by a foreign power on behalf of its nationals.

He replied that before the war the Turkish Government were alleged to have granted to certain Ottoman subjects a concession for the extraction of certain substances from the waters of the Dead Sea. From time to time the British Government had been requested to recognise this concession, the most recent request being from a French company who were understood to have acquired an interest in it at a comparatively recent date.

The British Government were advised that they were under no legal obligation to recognise the Turkish concession and had repeatedly declined to do so.—British Wireless Service.

THE B. O. T'S TEA INQUIRY

FRESH VIEWS

THE BRITISH EXPORT TRADE IN EAST INDIES

DUTCH TEA TERRITORY

London, Yesterday.
At the resumed Board of Trade Tea Inquiry, Mr. Charles Morrell, representing the British Chamber of Commerce in the Dutch East Indies, said he believed a marking order would adversely affect the British export trade in the East Indies.

Mr. Eric Macfadyen, Chairman of the Tea section of the same organisation, said that some British firms had expanded their business from India and Ceylon to East Indies because tea planting territory was purchasable in Sumatra at 14/- an acre against £15 to £20 an acre in Ceylon. He considered that the standard of East Indies tea had considerably risen in recent years by the marking of the tea containers entering Britain. To restrict investments in tea produce in East Indies and opposition to the marking proposal were also voiced by Mr. Joseph Travers' Company. One of Lyons' representatives expressed the opinion that it would create chaos in Britain, while their tea buyer, Mr. H. C. Barton, said that Java tea grown by Dutchmen was very different from that grown by English firms in the same country. Dutchmen did not understand tea, and with one exception, produced a lower grade.—Reuter.

FIVE TREATIES

LATEST NEGOTIATIONS IN NANKING

BRITAIN AND TARIFF

Nanking, Yesterday.
Sino-British negotiations are progressing. The Tariff Treaty is being drafted, and it is expected Sir Miles Lampson and Dr. C. T. Wang need one more conference before the document will be ready for signature.

Official circles are reticent, but it is understood Britain has not demanded conventional tariffs. It is reported that Britain does not object to the enforcement of the new tariff schedule.

Sir Miles Lampson was the guest of Madame Chiang Kai-shek at tiffin to-day, at which Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. C. T. Wang were present.

No fewer than five Treaties are at present being negotiated at Nanking, all of which are expected to reach signature this week—Portuguese, Swedish, Netherlands, French and British.—Reuter.

BRITISH EMPIRE

THE HOLDING OF NEXT IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

A SUITABLE DATE

London, Yesterday.
Asked whether it was proposed to postpone the Imperial Conference, Mr. L. M. S. Amery (Secretary of State for the Dominions and Colonies) said he was unable at present to answer. He added that a date had not yet been fixed and that they must find as date suitable to all the Governments concerned.—Reuter.

NEW YORK POLICE

NEW COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

MR. GROVER WHALEN

New York, Yesterday.
Mr. Grover Whalen, general manager of Wanamakers' stocks has accepted the commissionership of police in succession to Mr. Warren, who recently resigned subsequent to criticism of the Police Department regarding the Rothstein murder.—Reuter's American Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 3/16.

RELIGIOUS FEELING IN RUSSIA

STILL PERSISTS

MASS INSIST UPON CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

ANTI-RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA

Riga, Yesterday.
A conference against religious societies in the Moscow district, reported to the Moscow Soviet that despite anti-religious propaganda in the schools and homes, the masses insist upon celebrating Christmas with Christmas trees and presents.

The conference asked the Soviet to prevent Co-Operative Societies and other shops from distributing their "obnoxious" Christmas wares, which they are selling in thousands, as otherwise the efforts of the organisation to uproot old religious customs would be rendered futile.—Reuter.

COLONY'S HEALTH

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST WEEK

SMALL-POX DEATHS

According to reports to the Medical Officer of Health, there were no fewer than 91 cases of small-pox in last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony. There were 29 deaths of this disease during the week.

Small-pox: 21 cases from the city, 69 from Kowloon—1 from Aberdeen—total 91, 29 deaths during the week.

Diphtheria: 2 cases from the city, 2 from Kowloon—total 4.

Enteric fever (typhoid): 2 cases from the city—total 2.

Paratyphoid fever: 1 case from the city—total 1.

Influenza (not notifiable): 3 deaths during the week.

In all the cases mentioned above, there were one of British case of Enteric fever and one Japanese case of Paratyphoid fever, while the rest were all Chinese.

Yesterday's return of notifiable disease in the Colony comprised 22 cases of small-pox (6 from the city and 16 from Kowloon) and a case of Enteric fever (1 from the city and 1 from Shaokwan), both Chinese.

SIX BILLS

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

AND TWO RESOLUTIONS

The Legislative Council is to meet at 2.30 on Thursday in the Sanitary Board Room, Post Office building.

The first reading of six bills is down on the agenda. Details have been published. These are:—

An Ordinance to amend the Larceny Ordinance, 1855.

An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890.

An Ordinance to amend the law with respect to the carriage of goods by sea.

An Ordinance to protect the registered proprietor of any design registered in the United Kingdom.

An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

An Ordinance to amend the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, 1916.

The Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.) is to move a resolution signifying confirmation of the approval by the Governor-in-Council of the construction and maintenance of three short single tracks and an additional cross-over, in the east of Hong Kong, by the Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd.

The Colonial Secretary is also to move the following resolution:—Resolved by the Legislative Council that the percentage on the valuation of tenements payable as rates for tenements in Apichau shall be altered and that the same shall be 10 1/2 per cent. on and from the date to be fixed by H.E. the Governor for the coming into effect of this resolution.

Mr. Francis E. Wilson is retiring after forty-one years in Hackney borough surveyor's department.

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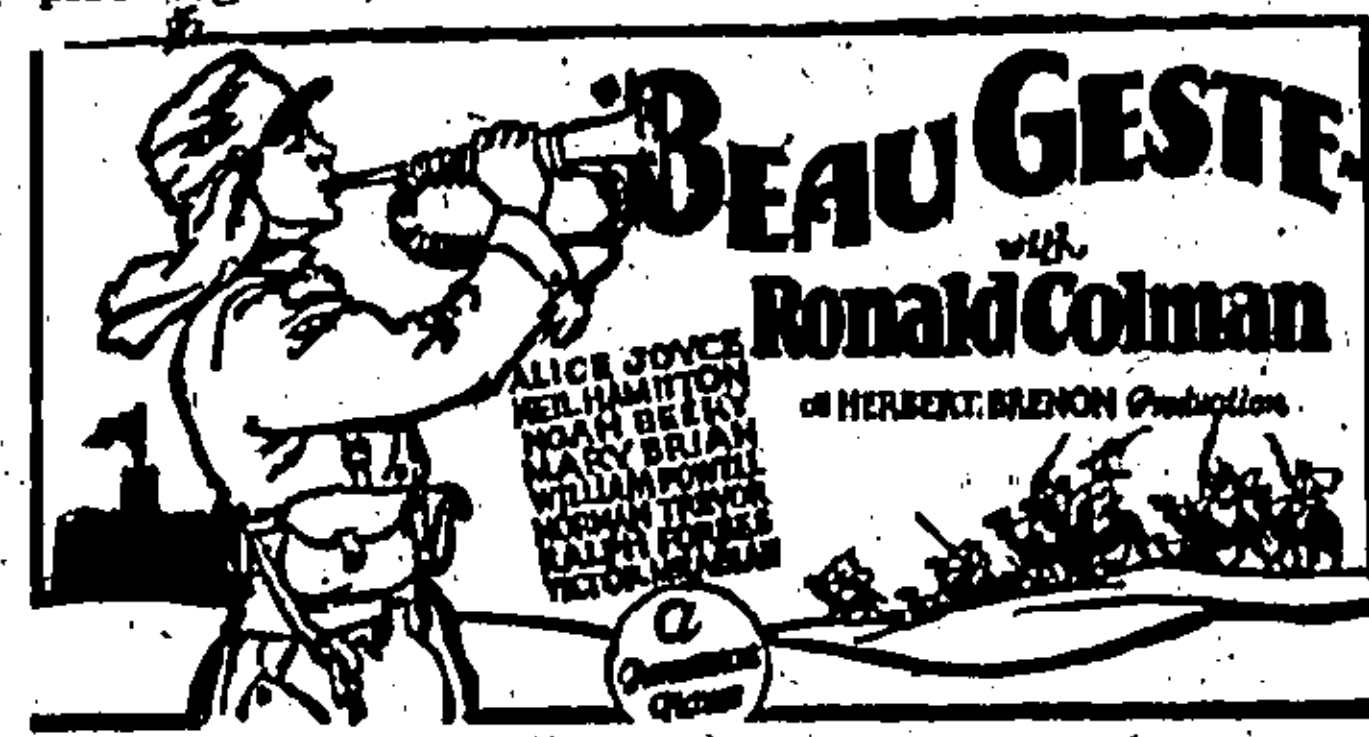
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